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£8.5m to improve railway stations

MORE than £10 million to be ploughed into improvements at rail stations across the West Midlands over the next two years, including work at Stourbridge Junction and Rowley Regis stations.

Train firm London Midland and transport authority Centro have struck a new deal.

It will see more CCTV cameras put in at stations, park and ride services improved, better ticket machines and a pilot smart-ticketing service introduced.

A total of £8.5m will be spent on improving park and ride at six stations including Rowley Regis and Stourbridge Junction.

Work on expanding the service at Rowley Regis will begin later this year as part of a £3m investment.

A further £1m will be invested by London Midland on station improvements across the region, including extended CCTV coverage.

The deal is an extension to a partnership agreement which was signed in 2011.

Councillor John McNicholas, chairman of Centro, said: "We are delighted to be signing a new agreement that will see us work together to continue to create a more user friendly, accessible railway."

Computer is the business

INDEPENDENT family-run computer shop Colley Gate Computers has won an award at the inaugural ShopTalk National IT Reseller Awards, which were open to all independent IT resellers.

Colley Gate Computers in Windmill Hill, Cradley, was shortlisted in three of 10 categories and won for best website. Managing director Steve Keating said "It's amazing to be recognised by our fellow resellers."

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I KILLED CHRISTINA - SCHIZOPHRENIC

by Alex Homer

A PARANOID schizophrenic has admitted killing Halesowen schoolgirl Christina Edkins by stabbing her in the chest as she travelled to school on a bus.

Phillip Simelane has been ordered by a judge to be detained at a secure psychiatric hospital indefinitely.

Homeless Simelane's guilty plea at Birmingham Crown Court on Wednesday comes as police reveal he was freed from prison less than three months before attacking the Leasowes High School pupil.

Despite "warning markers" on his police record and a previous threat to stab his mother he was not placed under any care following his release in December.

Police had received 21 calls from his mother about his behaviour in just under 10 years. They included criminal damage and rows with his siblings.

Christina's family, who were in court for the hearing, demanded answers as a number of internal reviews were under way.

Mr Ryan Russell, defending, said after speaking to Simelane on Tuesday he said: "I did not mean to kill that girl, I am ashamed for what happened and I wish to apologise."

Simelane plunged a knife, between 10 and 12in long, into the 16-year-old as she sat on the top deck of the number nine bus in a random attack. He then casually walked down the stairs and stepped off at a bus stop.

Revealed

Mr Peter Grieves-Smith, prosecuting, said: "Such was the nature of the attack, nobody else on the upper deck realised what had happened until Christina reacted."

Passengers tried in vain to help Christina, of Ladywood, Birmingham.

Mr Grieves-Smith said Simelane had been on the bus for two and a half hours and when challenged by the driver produced a valid travel pass. It was later revealed this did not belong to him and the court heard he said he had got on the bus to sleep and keep warm.

Simelane, aged 23, of Walsall, pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of Christina on the grounds of diminished responsibility.

He had been accused of murder - but the Crown Prosecution Service and Christina's



Schoolgirl Christina Edkins - had dream of becoming a nurse



Phillip Simelane - admitted manslaughter

family accepted his manslaughter plea following reports on his mental health.

Superintendent Richard Baker said: "From their point of view, what the family want is to make sure that he's not free to inflict the same kind of pain that they have had to go through, so regardless that some may see the plea on manslaughter as a more lenient sentence, the family certainly do not see it that way at all and they are satisfied with the outcome."

Police said the reason behind his attack will almost certainly never be known as under the Mental Health Act he cannot be questioned by officers. Police said Simelane had been released from prison last December - exactly 12 weeks before he attacked Christina on the morning of March 7. He was in prison for breach of licence.

He had a total of seven previous convictions and had previously served a prison sentence for threatening his own mother with a knife. He also punched a police officer during his arrest. On the Police National Computer Simelane was listed as having mental health issues and being a suicide risk, but officers were unable to say when

those 'warning markers' were added. Christina's family, who were wearing ribbons in her favourite colour purple, questioned why the court system did not make him the subject of a supervision order.

Great-uncle Chris Melia said: "When this man was discharged from prison on December 13, 2012, why was the recommendation - made a few weeks earlier by mental health experts - that he be supervised after release whilst adjusting to life back in the community, not followed up?"

Release

Separate reviews are now being completed by the police, the prison service and the Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust.

Mr Melia believes Christina would still be alive today if Simelane had been properly supervised on release, claiming instead that he had been allowed to simply drop off the radar of all the relevant agencies.

"As we understand it, if had been said by some mental health experts that he should receive some support and help or monitoring when back in the community and it just

didn't happen," said Mr Melia. Mrs Justice Thirlwall told Simelane: "The reason I give you this order is the nature of the offence and the fact that it occurred when you were medically ill and to protect the public from serious crime."

She continued: "It is difficult to understand how it came about that someone with your level of illness should be sleeping rough with no-one looking after you."

"Anyone who has sat here and listened and read the many statements will be disturbed to read that you were living in the community with an illness of that severity, living rough with no medical help or any other help at all."

Speaking to the family, she told them: "What shines through is that your daughter will always be cherished in the memories of family and friends and the wider world."

Christina had been encouraged by her parents to attend a school out of Birmingham so she could get a better education and pursue her dream of being a nurse.

Headteacher Neil Shaw described her as 'a bright and popular student, much loved by staff and students'.

Security is increased at club hit by arson

EXTRA security is to be installed at Lye Cricket Club after its £230,000 pavilion was gutted in an arson attack.

The club has announced restoration would begin on October 7 following talks with insurers.

And measures, including the installation of CCTV, are also to be put in place to safeguard the building against future attacks.

Members of the Stourbridge Road club were left devastated after the pavilion's interior was destroyed. It had been rebuilt in 2010 following earlier attack.

The club said the work was expected to take around five weeks to complete.

It will be re-opened soon after with officials still discussing if there should be a special celebration.

But they said security measures to protect the restored building would be a priority.

Alarms are also set to be upgraded following the blaze in August.

Club secretary Jake Hanson said they were pleased work would be starting so soon - with the aim of re-opening the pavilion re-opened this year.

"The inside of the building will be totally stripped and new plasterwork and flooring being put in place," he said.

Three charged after attack

THREE men have been charged over an alleged attack near The Arena Nightclub, Stourbridge in June.

Benjamin Payne, aged 19, of Chapel Street, Brierley Hill, and water board worker Mark Flavell, 44, of Manor Road, Wordsley, face grievous bodily harm charge. Technician Ryan Claridge, 20, of Barnett Lane, Kingswinford, was also charged with assault and possessing an offensive weapon. They will appear before Dudley Magistrates' on October 18.



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HS2 'will affect other train services'

HIGH-SPEED rail will lead to slower journeys and fewer trains for passengers from Sandwell and Dudley rail station, a report has warned.

The £50 billion HS2 would have a serious impact on services connecting the station in Oldbury, used by people in Dudley, with London, the report shows.

HS2 will take away existing fast trains which provide direct connections to London Euston because

long distance services will be transferred to the HS2 line.

The Taxpayer's Alliance (TPA) is calling for the project to be scrapped because of the spiralling costs and the detrimental effect it believes there will be on West Midlands travel.

It said Centro, the West Midlands passenger transport authority, is arguing for numerous additional services to maximise the benefits of

HS2. The TPA said: "These services would require significant subsidy." It claimed that journey time from Wolverhampton and Sandwell and Dudley stations would be longer as a result of more stops.

Chief executive of the TPA Matthew Sinclair said: "The Government's own plans show how many towns and cities would be left with a worse service."

A Department of Transport spokesman said the report was "blatant scaremongering". And a survey by the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce Group said 71 per cent of its members believe high speed rail will have a positive impact in the West Midlands.

Official documents show HS2 will provide 26 more services a day between Wolverhampton and London Euston, but slower than the existing Virgin Pendolinos.

Relaunch of loyalty card for charity shop chain

A CHARITY shop chain is relaunching its loyalty card after a successful pilot scheme.

Beacon Centre for the Blind's pilot project was hailed a big success earlier this year.

It has now been relaunched in its seven shops across the region. The scheme was inspired by the success of those like Tesco Clubcard.

Tracey Ford, retail operations manager of the Sedgley-based charity, said: "For every £5 our customers spend in one of our shops, they will get a stamp on their loyalty card.

"Each card has 10 stamps and for each completed card, customers will receive a £5 voucher to spend in the Beacon charity shop of their choice.

"It's a simple scheme which is open until February 2014, and customers can collect and complete as many loyalty cards as they want. The revenue that comes from our shops is essential in supporting that, and we are grateful to our customers, those who donate goods and the volunteers who work in the shops, without whom we wouldn't be able to keep trading."

Beacon Centre supports people in the region with sight loss and has shops in Wolverhampton, Bilston, Bloxwich, Wednesbury, Cannock and Halesowen and the Sedgley centre.

Shoppers go for duchess

MERRY Hill shoppers have voted new Royal mum, the Duchess of Cambridge, the person whose home they would most like to take a peek around.

Known for her immaculately turned out look, 19 per cent envy her home sense, believing it to be a reflection of her relaxed style with everything in its rightful place, according to a survey by homeware-for-less retailer HomeSense, which is based in the Westfield shopping centre.

Partner judge
A PARTNER at law firm George Green has been named as an employment judge. Tim Lang will sit part time in the London North and West region. He has been a partner at George Green, which has offices in Cradley Heath and Wolverhampton, since 2003.

A MAN who stabbed his girlfriend in the stomach with a knife has escaped an immediate jail sentence after a judge heard he had been forgiven by his partner, who wants a future with him.

Emma Horton suffered serious injuries when she was stabbed by 22-year-old boyfriend Nathan Glover. The knife went four-and-a-half inches into her bowel and she required significant medical attention to recover.

At a hearing at Wolverhampton Crown Court last week, Glover admitted stabbing her outside a friend's house in Sedgley. As a basis for a guilty plea for unlawful wounding, he claimed the stabbing was unintentional.

He said the incident happened while he turned to speak to her. He had the knife in his hand to open the front gate as they were leaving the house in Rowan Close, Sedgley, on June 15.

She cried throughout the hearing before celebrating when Recorder Jonathan Edwards spared Glover an immediate prison sentence.

Earliest

Glover, who also admitted attempted burglary after demanding car keys from a nearby resident in a bid to get away, received a 15-month prison sentence, suspended for two years. He was also put on a domestic abuse programme.

The judge told him he could not have complained if he had been jailed but added: "You have displayed remorse, you pleaded guilty at the earliest opportunity and most potently of all, the lady not only forgave you, but wants a life with you."

Glover, of Berryhush Gardens, Sedgley, admitted unlawful wounding after pleading not guilty to wounding with intent.

Mr Stephen Cadwallader, defending, said: "This was an isolated incident without any intention whatsoever."

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Councillor decides to step down



Councillor Colin Wilson

A COUNCILLOR has announced he is stepping down from his role after almost a decade representing the authority.

Dudley Councillor Colin Wilson will leave his post at the end of his term in May next year.

He makes his announcement as he continues to recover from a period of ill health. Councillor Wilson was elected to represent the Pedmore and Stourbridge East ward in 2004. He has held the ward seat ever since.

Fellow Conservative Mike Wood has been selected as the party's candidate for the ward to take over from Councillor Wilson.

Mr Wood, aged 37, of Langdale Way, is a researcher for Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP James Morris.

Councillor Wilson said: "I have really enjoyed the past eight-and-a-half years working for my local community but I know that now is the right time to step down."

Waggon to roll in music

A PUB is getting into the swing of new music nights, with its first 'open mic' event and a forthcoming gig by an award-winning Shadows tribute group.

The Old Waggon and Horses, at Stourbridge Road, Ismere, between Kidderminster and Stourbridge, will host the open mic event on Friday, starting at 7pm. The pub is teaming up with the Wyre Forest VDub Club and is inviting local people to bring their acts along. Then, on October 13, starting at 8pm, Out of the Shadows will return to the Waggon and Horses.

Five days after the Waggon and Horses gig the band will receive an award from Worcestershire Entertainment Committee after being voted top club act in the county.

Conman jailed over fake bike ride for charity

A PROLIFIC conman who convinced people to sign sponsorship forms for a fake charity bike ride for Cancer Research has been jailed for 16 months.

David Armon had 81 convictions for fraud and deception going back to 2004, before he appeared at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Mr Paul Reid, prosecuting, said the 24-year-old was spotted by an off-duty police officer on Bridgnorth Road, Stourbridge, on April 29, visiting shops asking for sponsorship. The court heard the officer "was aware of his past".

On this occasion, Armon, of Greenwood Avenue, Rowley Regis, was "adamant" his name was Adam David Timmins and even produced a photo card driving licence.

He told the officer he was collecting for a

Cancer Research bike ride he was going to do. Police however sent a fingerprint scanner out to the location. Mr Reid said inquiries revealed six businesses had donated around £15 before Armon's arrest and he was found with £42 cash.

Mr Reid said: "He initially said he had not collected any money that day but said he would be coming back to collect. The sponsorship forms also contained fictitious details which the Crown says was to encourage more donations."

"People had donated money in good faith believing they were giving money to Cancer Research."

The court was told Armon gave no comment in police interview. Mr Reid also said the defendant was subject to a suspended 16-week prison sentence for a similar ruse, imposed in October

last year, when he tried his latest scam. The court was told that Armon pleaded guilty at Dudley Magistrates Court on July 29 of six counts of making a false representation to make a gain for himself, another charge of possessing or controlling an identity document with intent, and possessing an article for use in a fraud.

Mr Eddy Tiwana, defending, claimed there had been a 'sea change' in his client's attitude after he had been a chronic drug addict, starting smoking cannabis aged 12, and later moving onto heroin.

But Judge Walsh decided he did not deserve another chance from the courts, and activated the previous 16-week suspended sentence, as well as adding a further 12-month sentence for the latest fraud. Armon was also ordered to pay a £100 statutory surcharge.



Conman David Armon

Comic Lenny added to roll of honour before accolade

Helping to salvation to unemployed



James Morris, right, with Captain Liz Hancock from Cradley Heath Salvation Army and back, from left, Paul Taylor, lead trainer from QTT, Richard Loach of the Salvation Army, PPDG contract manager Angela Takyar and Mitch Bhanna

AN INITIATIVE created by the Salvation Army in Cradley Heath to help long-term unemployed people back into work has been praised by the area's MP.

The organisation's Employment Plus service, based at the Cradley Heath Community Centre, Reddall Hill Road, sees around 60 people a day come along and is actively involved in helping more than 800 people back into employment.

The charitable organisation is

working alongside the Jobcentre to deliver the work programmes, which provide companies and jobseekers with incentives to keep them in work for more than six months.

James Morris, MP for Halesowen and Rowley Regis, visited the centre a day after his own successful jobs fair that saw more than 1,500 people get employment advice.

He said: "This service is doing important work to tackle long-term unemployment, which is an issue we

need to reduce. I think it's essential that something like this exists in the community."

The Cradley Heath base has been offering the Employment Plus service since July 2010 and works with local businesses, training providers, and employment agencies to help get people back into work. Captain Elizabeth Hancock, from the base in Merefield Street, said: "We felt this was a way our church could help those in our own community in a practical way."

LENNY Henry has been added to the historic roll of honour at Dudley Council House – before he is presented with the Freedom of Borough.

The popular Dudley-born funnyman and Comic Relief campaigner will be at the town hall on October 9 to receive the scroll. Lenny said he was 'deeply humbled and honoured' to receive the award.

He will join a list of names which include mountain climber and peace campaigner MBE Bert Bissell.

The Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry, The Mercian Regiment and The 37th Signal Regiment have also received the freedom of the borough.

To mark the honour, each body and person's name is added to the historic roll of honour at the town Council House. Lenny is the first individual to get the honour in 13 years.

Puzzled

The former Blue Coat School pupil, who often uses the town in stage stories on his childhood, said: "I am deeply humbled and honoured to be receiving the freedom of the borough of Dudley. I know in my heart of hearts that if my parents were alive they would be a little bit puzzled but also incredibly proud of this achievement."

Councillor Alan Finch, Mayor of Dudley, said: "Lenny has helped put Dudley on the map and it is great to see his name added to the roll of honour."

Lenny will receive the honour in recognition of his services to entertainment and his contribution to global fundraising.

Councillors voted to grant Lenny the honour in February.

Honour – Lenny Henry

ary. The idea was first proposed last September, but a decision was stalled after councillors asked for a criteria on who qualified to be an Honorary Freeman.

Conservative leader on the council, Councillor Patrick Harley, had wanted the criteria to only fit people who had made a specific contribution to Dudley and its residents, but his motion was defeated. Councillors then voted for Lenny to receive the honour.

In addition to his work as a comedian, actor and writer, Lenny Henry has also helped raise over £800 million pounds for charity over the last 27 years by being one of the founders of Comic Relief in 1985. The honour follows on from the CBE he received from the Queen in 1999.

NEWS

in brief

Event at valley is put on hold

A MAJOR event to raise money for a Black Country mayor's charities has been postponed after poor weather was forecast and because of a lack of people signing up to take part.

Activities were set to take place over last Saturday and Sunday in Sandwell Valley Park, including a sponsored walk, mountain bike trial and family entertainment.

The event was being staged to raise funds for Mayor of Sandwell Councillor Linda Horton's two selected charities. It has now been put back until the spring.

Council spokesman Chris Horst said: "Due to lack of entrants and a mixed weather forecast, we've taken the decision to postpone the fundraising weekend until the spring when the weather is better."

"Sorry to anyone who is disappointed. We'll let you know the new date when we have it."

Jewellery fair is ready to sparkle

AN ANNUAL fair showcasing the work of Black Country artists will take place on Saturday.

Netherton Arts Centre, in Northfield Road in Dudley, holds its annual art and jewellery fair from 11am to 4pm. Following the event, an exhibition for the work will be displayed in the centre's Old Library Room until October 11.

At the fair there will also be arts workshops. Councillor Tim Crumpton, cabinet member for children's services, said: "It is an early Christmas shopping opportunity for people looking to buy something just a little bit special."

Firecrews called to computer blaze

A COMPUTER caught fire in a school as crews used a thermal imaging camera to help them put out the smouldering embers. Fire crews were called to Haybridge High School, Hagley, near Stourbridge, on Monday of last week.

Firefighters from Kidderminster arrived and used the thermal imaging equipment to pinpoint the hot spots. No-one was injured and only minor disruption was caused.

Quiz for charity

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POOR old devil, I thought, as a mobility scooter wobbled uncertainly towards me on the pavement, the driver hunched awkwardly over the handlebars, seemingly unable to lift his head. What terrible deformity makes somebody so bent? Turned out he wasn't deformed at all. He was texting.

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WHILE Labour and Tory politicians heap scorn upon Ukip, remember this: Ukip is their child. The Labour and Conservative governments created the policies on the EU and immigration which gave birth to Ukip. They sustained those policies with lies and deception which nurtured the growing infant. Today, Ukip is a strappy adolescent with an awful lot of bad friends and its parents know that, before long, it will punch them very hard. That is why Fleet Street's finest, who support a two-party system, set out to scupper Ukip's conference. But I suspect most voters recognise an ambush when they see one, and may even sympathise with the embattled Nigel Farage. The EU Parliament elections are next year and, barring a disaster, I expect Mr Farage's party to give the Tories such a whacking that Call-me-Dave will feel a sudden urge to dump his adopted child Nick and embrace his true son Nigel.

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ED Balls, hoping to be the next Chancellor, says he would scrap HS2 if the costs rose. So is this the end of the line? Don't bank on it. There is a theory that Balls is merely "surfing the wave" of public opposition to HS2. Some readers may recall that in the 1990s John Prescott told protesters that a Labour government would not build the controversial M6 Toll, then known as BNRR, the Birmingham Northern Relief Road. Labour got elected. It was built.

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THE Daily Mail's latest columnist, introduced with a huge fanfare ("wickedly mischievous!") a few weeks ago, is one Sarah Vine. In this week's offering she complains that her husband has "almost as many pictures of the late Margaret Thatcher in his office as there are of me and the children." Hubby sounds a bit weird, unless you happen to know that in private life Sarah Vine is Mrs Michael Gove, wife of the Secretary of State for Education.

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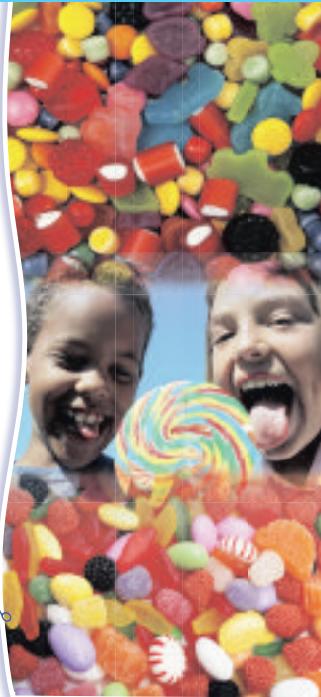
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Crash tragedy driver admits causing death

Star Tuffers bowls them over

CRICKET star Phil Tufnell turned on the charm as he regaled them with tales from the Ashes and gossip from the dressing room to delight audiences at a charity bash.

The ex-England spin bowler, now a TV star, has become known as much for his off the field antics as his skills with a cricket ball.

There was much material to delve into as he took to the stage as after-dinner speaker at an event in Brierley Hill last week. Tufnell was guest at a fundraiser for the Midlands Air Ambulance and spinal injuries charity Trust PA, then known as the Copthorne Hotel at The Waterfront.

"I've spoken to quite a few cricket fans here tonight excited about the Ashes this winter," he said. "I don't think it is going to be quite as straightforward as this summer."

Air ambulance regional fundraising manager Sophia Voutianitis said: "It is wonderful to have Phil here and we have to thank Jilly Edge, from Events with the Edge, who organised the evening.

"We have to raise £6 million a year to keep the aircraft in the sky so we need all the support we can get."



Phil Tufnell with fundraising manager Sofia Voutianitis and a signed photograph of him to be sold

A MAN from Stourbridge has admitted causing the death of his girlfriend in a road crash. Thomas Whitehouse was driving a Vauxhall Astra when he hit a tree on the A449 in Cookley in December last year.

His 26-year-old girlfriend Samantha Jennings, who was sat in the front passenger seat, died in the crash.

At an inquest into the mother's death earlier this year, Mr Whitehouse said he could not remember the crash or the evening.

But appearing at Worcester Crown Court, Whitehouse, aged 23, of Burns Close, pleaded guilty to causing her death by careless driving. He also admitted to possessing cannabis.

A test following the fatal crash found no alcohol in Whitehouse's blood, but cannabis was detected, although it was unknown how much was taken.

Reasonable

The pair had driven back from Birmingham and had picked up two people, including friend Leander Mock, who was sat in the back seat when the vehicle crashed.

At the inquest at Worcestershire Coroners' Court in April, Mr Mock said: "I only saw Tom (Whitehouse) have one drink all evening and we were going at a reasonable speed not going above the limit." He said he had felt 'a bump' before the car started to skid and it felt like the

rear tyres had left the road.

The inquest also heard that none of the car passengers were wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash.

Miss Jennings, who is from Aldridge Close in Wordsley, died at the crash scene near the Island Pool pub, on December 8. She had two boys aged eight and nine and worked as a care assistant, looking after adults with disabilities.

She was a former pupil of the Glynde Primary School and Summerhill School in Kingswinford.

In a tribute following her death, her family said: "Sam was a caring person, an angel. Sam was vivacious, a pretty girl, who lived life to the full. She had the world at her feet, and was so happy."

Days following her death, her family suffered a second blow when thieves ransacked the home of her 83-year-old grandmother in Kingswinford. Whitehouse will be sentenced at Worcester Crown Court on November 29.

Graffiti art skills wall unlikely to be rebuilt

A GRAFFITI wall knocked down by vandals at a park is unlikely to be rebuilt amid fears it would be targeted again.

The wall was built as a place for graffiti artists to practice their skills as part of improvements to King George V Park, in Wordsley.

But just hours after being put up by students from Dudley College, the wall was torn down by vandals.

Members of the Friends of Wordsley Park had worked hard to provide the wall for youngsters using the scheme.

And while a final decision has yet to be made members said it was unlikely they would rebuild the wall.

Another option being considered is fitting a metal sheet to fencing around an existing multi-use games area at the park which youngsters could graffiti.

Ward councillor Derrick Hemingsley said it was a "shame" the original plan was now likely to be abandoned.

"A lot of people wanted this wall to be built and had been involved in securing the materials and constructing it," he said. "The wall has been attacked once and is likely to be so again if we carry on."

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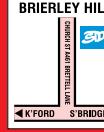
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Boost for homes in borough at village

DUDLEY is set to see the supply of new homes in the town boosted with the sale of a 4.76 acre former industrial site within Saltwells Nature Reserve.

There is currently outline planning permission for up to 70 homes situated off Saltwells Lane.

The Saltwells Village site is next to Mushroom Green village and conservation area, and is within walking distance of Merry Hill Shopping Centre.

It is being marketed by Midlands-based agent Jon Flowith & Partner, with planning permission granted for the demolition of a 100,000 sq ft industrial unit at the gateway to Saltwells Nature Reserve, which was previously occupied by Kuehne & Nagel.

Jon Flowith, senior partner of Jon Flowith & Partners, said: "The plans for Saltwells Village look set to breathe new life into a former industrial site, giving Dudley homebuyers the very rare opportunity to live within one of the UK's largest urban nature reserves."

According to data from Zoopla, Dudley has been one of the top performing areas in the UK this year, with the average house price rising by almost seven per cent over the past six months.

Elizabeth Flowith, senior surveyor said: "This is excellent news for homebuyers."

Nothing left for appeal on Luke's conviction – family

THEY remortgaged their home twice, have taken out a bank loan and are paying off up to four credit cards – but the family of a man convicted of killing his girlfriend are yet to raise a penny towards an appeal hearing to clear his name.

Luke Walker was convicted of causing the death of his girlfriend Chelsea Hyndman while on holiday in Crete by a Greek court following a two-day trial earlier this year.

The 24-year-old has always protested his innocence and his family has backed him in his battle, which has proved costly in legal bills.

After his conviction Luke's grandmother gave her life savings towards a £8,522 bail sum to bring him home after he appealed, which resulted in an eight-year prison sentence being suspended.

Credit

But today, the family from Brierley Hill are yet to begin saving for the appeal hearing next year – instead they are still paying off debts accumulated from the initial trial. A £17,000 solicitor's bill is yet to be paid from the trial and they are still paying off thousands of pounds in credit cards and loans.

Luke's older brother Ryan, aged 31, said: "We are in a nightmare – it's almost like we are beyond help right now."

"We want to save but we are so stretched at the moment by paying off the last trial and solicitors bills that we can't yet start putting money toward the next hearing yet."

"We're paying off three to four credit cards, a couple of mortgages and a loan – I think it is about £50,000 worth in total."

"We think the next trial is going to cost



Luke Walker with his father, Patrick, who, with the rest of the family, has continued to back him in the fight to clear his name

another £20,000 to £30,000 as we have to fly everyone out there, the witness and medical people – we have to pay for the whole lot."

"But we have to do it, we have to clear Luke's name. We have thought about what if we can't, of course, but we must believe. We're praying we win the lottery, or anything."

Ryan has moved out of his parents house in Gayfield Avenue, Withymoor, ahead of his parents Patrick and Lindy selling the family home to rent another property in the area.

He said: "We wanted the best possible defence, but it has cost us and now we are paying for it, plus we have to start all over

again now. We've ended up losing everything, it's been a really difficult few years for everyone connected."

Ryan works alongside his father Patrick, runs Walker's Electrics in Brierley Hill.

"We hope the equity from the house will pay off the debts and leave us a bit of money for going back over there," said Patrick.

"We have to find somewhere to rent, it is sad, because everything we have done for our lives has gone. But at the end of the day it's our son and we will do everything for him to prove his innocence."

The jury at the Mixed Criminal Court of Heraklion heard how Chelsea, from Castle-



Luke with his girlfriend Chelsea Hyndman, age 20



Luke Walker leaves a court hearing in Greece along with friends and members of his family

ford in West Yorkshire, had died after she was taken to hospital with abdominal pain. Chelsea, who lived with Luke on the island, was pronounced dead on May 17 2010 from acute peritonitis, having suffered deteriorating health for a few days.

Greek prosecutors claimed she was beaten by Luke – but Luke said the injuries came from when she fell on a cobbled street during a night out 10 days before she died.

Luke was initially charged with murdering Chelsea, but this was downgraded to a lesser charge of grievous bodily harm leading to death. The appeal is expected to take place at the end of May next year.

NEWS

in brief

Kittens found dumped in box

TWELVE kittens were dumped in a cardboard box on a car park next to a busy main road – prompting animal welfare charity bosses to appeal for information to trace the owner.

A walker found inside a tattered-covered McCoy's crisp box outside Laser Quest in Amblecote High Street. They took the kittens, aged between six and seven weeks old, home before alerting the RSPCA the next day. It is believed the kittens, which were found last Tuesday, were dumped between 8.30pm and 9.30pm on Tuesday.

Five of the kittens are tabby and white while the rest are black with some white markings. Anyone who has information can call 0300 123 8018.

Beer boost for mayor's appeal

A PUB has brewed up a treat for real ale lovers in aid of a good cause. The Old Swan in Netherton, known locally as Ma Pardoe's, has launched its latest ale, Golden Chains, in aid of the Mayor of Dudley's charities.

The golden beer will go on sale at the pub in Halesowen Road, Netherton, and dozens of other real ale pubs which receive its deliveries and are looking to support the charity venture.

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IN MY VIEW

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SHOCK news from the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change, which concluded last week that it was '95 per cent certain' that climate change, er exists.

A bit of a surprise really, because I'm sure most of us were expecting them to say something along the lines of 'we're pretty sure there's no such thing as climate change, so you can make us all redundant'.

Still, the news has got Ban Ki-moon, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, a little bit rattled. He wants leaders of the world to come together next year for an international climate summit.

Of course he does. People like him love summits, don't they? Summits on world energy, a summit on sustainable development, a summit on the EU budget and no doubt summit for the weekend.

Still, at least we can expect it to be a little different from the usual run-of-the-mill banquet and booze-up.

For a start, none of the delegates will be arriving on one of those filthy jumbo jets which pollute the sky. Instead they will all be packed like sardines into crowded transcontinental railway carriages, having arrived in mainland Europe or wherever by car ferry.

And instead of being chauffeured to the conference hall in a convoy of gleaming gas-guzzling limousines, the world leaders will all be making their entrance by means of 'sustainable transport' - which presumably means a bike. And what would you say are the odds of any of this happening?

Well a report from the Inter-governmental Panel on Flying Pigs has come to the conclusion that it is 'more than 95 per cent' certain that none of the above will take place.

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THIS week hundreds of commuters in London were greeted at the railway stations by anti-smoking campaigners in zombie costumes urging them to give up the cigs.

Given that this was the early-morning rush hour, perhaps they were trying to blend into their surroundings.

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CAN'T buy into all the scare stories that 'the lights will go out' if Ed Miliband goes ahead with his plans to freeze energy prices for 20 months.

After all, there were very tight regulations imposed on the energy companies after they were privatised 20-odd years ago, and it seemed to work then.

Trouble is, now that Ed has given two years advanced notice of his plans, the energy companies will almost certainly decide to get in first and put the prices up while they still can. Not that they need much encouraging.



Mr Hill and Brenda, who got wed in 1947



Just a number – prisoners of war at Changi Prison where Mr Hill was sent



Mr Hill's Prisoner medal at the front

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

SPEEDWAY fans were lucky to escape serious injury when a lump of concrete smashed through the roof of their coach from a motorway flyover. The Cradley Heath fans were returning from seeing their side race at Eastbourne when vandals hurled a 9in block of concrete from a bridge in Buckinghamshire.

GRANNY Hilda Fellows was tickled pink when she met comedian Ken Dodd and his merry band of dippy men. Mrs Fellows, from Walsall, was one of hundreds of fans who turned out to see the funnyman open Boardman's furniture store in Market Street, Wolverhampton.

THE number of people claiming unemployment benefit rose to more than 3.1 million to give a new jobless rate of 13.3 per cent. The rise was mainly down to the number of school-leavers claiming benefit for the first time. In the West Midlands, unemployment rate rose to 16 per cent.

1993...

IN North Yorkshire it was reported that a 13-year-old arsonist was enjoying a round of 'adventure holidays' at the taxpayers' expense. As part of a two-year supervision order, the youngster, from Richmond, had spent two weeks at a summer camp in Britain, had been on two sailing courses, and had stayed on the shore of a Swedish lake.

STRIKES by Britain's firemen were 'inevitable' said their union leader. The Fire Brigades Union was about to ballot its members about strike action in response to a 1.5 per cent ceiling on public-sector pay rises. Home Secretary Michael Howard said there was no justification for giving firefighters preferential treatment. But FBU leader Ken Cameron accused the Government of putting the public at risk for a marginal amount of money.

2003...

WINDOW tycoon Carl Painter was one of the first potential investors to express an interest in taking Wolves over, after owner Sir Jack Hayward said he would be offering the club 'free to a good home'. The Wolves chairman said he would give the club free of charge if somebody came forward with a commitment to invest in the club's future. Mr Painter said he would be prepared to put £10 million into the club.

BRUMMIE Cat Deeley was to host the Royal Variety Performance, it was announced, with tenor Luciano Pavarotti sharing the bill with chart stars Busted, Westlife, Gloria Estefan and Donny Osmond.

SINGER Robert Palmer died of a heart attack, aged 54.

Former PoW tells of horrific jungle ordeal

LOUISE JEW speaks to a true survivor, Ken Hill, who spent three-and-a-half years in captivity at the hands of the Japanese during the Second World War

TO THE Japanese, Ken Hill was just a number – 7601985 – forced to slave day after day on the infamous Burma railway, kept barely alive by stomach-churning rations of rice, with beetles and maggots as the only protein.

Amazingly, while thousands of his comrades fell victim to die from exhaustion or cholera, Netherton-born Ken is a true survivor who has made old bones, despite three-and-a-half years in captivity that reduced him to a near-skeleton.

He's now 92, with very poor sight, having also fought through three serious operations for ulcers and stomach cancer – possibly caused by his appalling abuse under the brutal Japanese thumb.

More than 70 years after he was captured, he still carries around his PoW number tag, light as a feather, in his back pocket.

It is not that he has dwelled upon his harrowing ordeal during the Second World War – he's had a 66-year-long marriage to wife, Brenda, raised two sons, lovingly tended his canalside garden in High Street, Swindon, near Dudley, and enjoyed a long career as an electrician.

It is only over the last few years that the great grandfather has opened up to family and friends about his horrific experiences and, following this month's 68th anniversary of Victory over Japan (VJ) Day, he has spoken more freely.

He's never asked for any help.

Some years ago he was turned down for a war pension but he is now getting support from Blind Veterans UK, which he joined last October and which has arranged an alarm button for him to carry



True survivor – war veteran and former Prisoner of War Kenneth Hill, aged 92

around his neck, a speaking alarm clock and breaks for him and Brenda at seaside hotels around England and Wales.

Ken joined the Territorial Army Field Workshop in June 1939, aged just 18, and at the end of 1941 he and his unit sailed to Singapore, where they set up a workshop to maintain guns.

In February 1942 the forces in Singapore surrendered to the Japanese after a siege, as soldiers scavenged in the streets in search of food and water.

They didn't give in with a whimper – and Ken recalls how when General Arthur Percival surrendered, he and his colleagues took up their instructions to smash the machines in the workshop, scupper a large crane,

drive lorries into a canal and burn their rifles to stop the Japanese getting them on them.

The corporal mechanist was imprisoned in the notorious Changi jail, near Singapore, where he briefly caught sight of his older brother, Staff Sgt Geoff Hill, who was also a PoW and survived his own hell in a prison camp in Borneo.

Ken said: "The Japanese showed us a shelf with five severed heads on it. They told us that it is what happens to losers."

Then followed a 250-mile march for Ken and his comrades through the jungle to the Burma border, where they started their slog to build the railway.

Ken faced many dangers in captiv-

ity – cholera, the threat of torture if he did not behave and even the fear of execution.

He said: "The brutality of the Japanese guards is well known and they would use the dreaded 'speedo' – a bamboo stick that they would hit people with as they yelled 'speedo, speedo,' to make them work faster.

"There were 7,000 of us to start with – but in the first six months 4,000 died and I don't think any more than 1,000 survived the war. I was lucky as I was young and fit. I remained healthy and that generally kept me safe."

It was the news of the atomic bomb attacks on Nagasaki and Hiroshima in August 1945 that brought about the end of the war in the Far East and secured the release of Ken and his comrades.

"That bomb saved our lives," he said.

Ken added: "At last it was time to return home and we boarded a boat for Southampton.

"Our first meal on board was rice. There was almost a riot but the captain explained that doctors said as we'd eaten rice for three-and-a-half years our stomachs wouldn't initially be able to take rich foods. They gradually built us up to eat properly – and I haven't been able to eat rice since."

It was only after he returned he realised the untold anguish his parents, Ernie and Elsie, had been through. They had barely received notice that Ken and his brother Geoff were prisoners of the Japanese.

Now Ken marks VJ Day, as he has done every year, by thinking of everyone he knew during that awful time.

"I keep the steel plate with my name, rank and number in my back pocket to remind me. I do it for everyone I knew and for the thousands of men and women who lost their lives," he said.

Blind Veterans UK launched a 'No One Alone' campaign in October 2012 and wants vision-impaired veterans and their families to know that, if they have served their country, no matter in which conflict, they can get help, including training, rehabilitation and holidays at www.noonealone.org.uk or by phoning 0800 389 7979.



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Lots of trouble at the checkout

MYSELF and my 42-year-old mother were stood at the checkout at a branch of Home Bargains after a brief shop when the special offer of four bottles of Carlsberg alerted our attention as an ideal purchase for an upcoming family event.

As my mum had proceeded in beginning to put our items in a bag, she asked me to quickly pick up a single box of the lagers, which I did before placing them on the conveyor belt. When the frankly rude and abrupt employee at the checkout got around to scanning the lagers,

she stopped and with a huff said: "I can't serve you these." When we carried on, why the employee decided that because, I, as a 6ft 4in university student had physically plucked the 'restricted age items' from the shelf, my mum was unable to purchase them.

We were bemused, and left even more perplexed as we remained polite and decided against returning.

My mum then completed the transaction, before returning to the rear of the queue without me with a new box of lagers, only to be told uncompromis-

ingly, "you're attempting to buy these for someone under age, we cannot serve you." Admittedly, I was not carrying any ID, but to refuse selling alcohol to a 42-year-old on the false presumption that I would be the consumer appears lacking in common sense.

Would there be a similar outcome if a child was asked to retrieve a bottle of wine from the bottom shelf for a parent/guardian unable to bend?

JOSH CRAMPTON,
Warner Drive, Amblecote.

Hodge's top ideas for billions

I WAS delighted to hear Margaret Hodge on the Today programme suggesting that the HS2 budget would be better spent on improving the existing rail lines and trains.

She suggested a line from Bristol to Liverpool. Both ideas are excellent.

Therefore, would she and her colleagues not like the £40-80 billion for HS2 to be spent on returning trains and stations to the 13 miles of existing double track rail lines between Stourbridge, Dudley and Walsall in the congested West Midlands?

Or, completing the electrification of our rail network, started in the 1950 but, still not finished? Switzerland did theirs in the 1920s and 30s.

Or, turning our 19th century rail network of Victorian signal boxes (the one at Round Oak, Brierley Hill in Dudley was burned to the ground in the 1990s so that is one less). In addition, New Street Station is the rail bottleneck of the UK.

TIM WELLER,
Halesowen.

LETTERS to the Editor

POST

Halesowen Chronicle, Chronicle Editorial, 51-53 Queen Street, Wolverhampton WV1 1ES

Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number of the writer. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

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Still buildings that need to be dealt with

I READ that Dudley Council has helped to bring about the opening of a new restaurant in Charlton House on the corner of New Street and Priory Street in Dudley. How much longer will The Crown on the corner of Wolverhampton Street and Priory Street remain empty?

I remember reading that they spent thousands 'doing up' that building, but it is a long-standing eyesore with muslin slung across the windows and no sign of occupancy. Anyone willing to say? Also, whilst on the subject of derelict buildings, what about Welcome Home Designs at the top end of Wolverhampton Street, also one of the gateways into Dudley? This building is anything but welcoming.

MRS L SHELDON, The Broadway, Dudley.

Selfish petrolheads

IT IS good to see that Dudley Council has decided to lock the car park gate at the Tenscore in Sedgley. This is because of certain people who have no care for others.

Petrolheads revving their engines and blasting their horns and, in some cases, smashing the small wooden boundary fence round the car park and driving on the grass. Unfortunately, it spoils the chance of families using the Tenscore on a weekend because the car park is locked.

NORMAN D CADDICK, Upp'r Ettingshall Rd, Coseley.

Aid gripes are ignored

AS I have said before, Joe Public can shout about our money going to despots all they want but it falls on deaf ears. There are millions of people in our country this money should go to.

We are trillions of pounds in debt and what do the brains of Britain do, borrow more to send in the form of aid to a country that claimed they didn't need it? Get our country right and put us first Dave for a change.

JOHN PERKINS,
Dudley.

Thanks for cash boost

THE members of the Stourbridge branch of the Royal Air Forces Association wish to thank everyone who supported us over the Battle of Britain weekend. Due to their usual generosity, this year's Wings Appeal raised £1,921 which will be used for the welfare support of RAFA for ex-members of the Royal Air Force.

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NEWS



How Corngreaves Hall looked before the restoration



Work in progress to bring the hall back to its former glory

Restoration of historic hall gets heritage praise

HERITAGE bosses have praised work which has given a new lease of life to a historic Grade II listed building.

Corngreaves Hall in Cradley Heath was restored and turned into flats after years of standing empty and being targeted by thieves and vandals.

Sandwell Council awarded the project to developers GR8 Space after carrying out a tendering exercise.

And now English Heritage has awarded a commendation to both organisations in recognition of the work.

Restoration was monitored and approved by a council-appointed surveyor and planning services advised GR8 Space on the proposed scheme.

Borough deputy council leader Councillor Steve Eling said: "I am proud English Heritage has recognised our efforts and those of GR8 Space to protect the borough's heritage."

Corngreaves Hall was bought by the former Rowley Regis Council in 1950.

The transformation of the hall cost in the region of £3 million with apartments at the development snapped up before work had been completed.

The former stately home dates back



Restored - the award-winning work of Corngreaves Hall is complete

to 1780 but had been empty for more than 60 years.

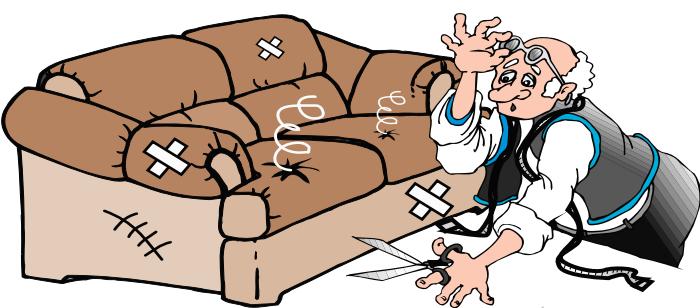
The renovation plans saw nine apartments created, as well as homes in the grounds.

As well as contributing cash towards

the refurbishment project, Sandwell Council handed over 10,408 sq ft of land free of charge.

Chiefs said by transferring land, the council would avoid future maintenance costs.

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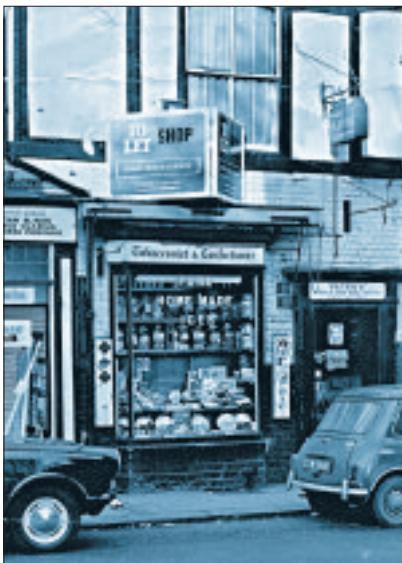
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Peter's sweet shop in Castle Street, seen just before it closed down in 1969, no doubt frequented by young Des



St Edmund's Church's clock was visible from the Baylies Charity School, Tower Street



Watson's Green Road, Dudley – Des moved here with his family when he was young

THE RECENT article about the early life in Dudley of Duncan Edwards has prompted Des Stokes to write in – as he knew the father of the acclaimed footballer 'who like myself used the Dudley Labour Club in Stafford Street'.

Des himself was born and raised in Dudley and shares with us his memories of his school days.

He points out that: 'It is usually only in later years that our school days are looked back upon as the 'best years of our lives'. We rarely recall those days at school when we fervently wished we hadn't got to attend, and our thoughts were only on the next school holiday.'

'Apart from a short time at Kates Hill Infants, (which in those days was known locally as 'the Board School'), my school days were spent at the Baylies Charity School.'

'It was many years before I discovered that 'Board School' did not imply that Kates Hill formerly took in boarders or had been constructed of timber, but was instituted by a body named the Board of Education prior to being under the jurisdiction of the Local Education Authority.'

'It was this later authority which decreed the family had to be rehoused from 'The Huts'. These were properly named municipal dwellings and originally were built for workers at the National Munitions Works during the 1914-18 War. We moved to the Watson's Green area, and it was not possible for my further education to follow the same path as my brothers (I was the youngest of five). You must understand, Madam, that you no longer dwell in the catchment area of



A typical street in Kates Hill, Dudley, near to the school

NEWS

Reaching for the sun



Chloe Bates and mother Kellie look at the giant sunflower

AT 14ft tall, this sunflower towers above its young grower. Three-year-old Chloe Bates has been diligently watering her plant at her grandparents' home in Cradley Heath for three months.

Grandfather Christopher Robinson, 62, has watched in amazement as Chloe's grew taller than his own 9ft effort.

Her mother, Kellie Bates, said of Chloe, a pupil at Queen Victoria Nursery: "She has always been very green-fingered. At our house she has helped plant our flower border, spring onions, strawberries and raspberries."

Revamp for towns given backing by councillors

MAJOR regeneration plans aimed at boosting two towns by creating more homes and highlighting historic features have been endorsed by councillors.

It is hoped to lay the foundations to transform Halesowen and Stourbridge over the next 20 years by creating a host of development opportunities.

Priorities include creating

new homes in disused shops or office units in both town centres in a bid to bring footfall. They hope the plan will lead to more people living and working in the centres themselves rather than having empty buildings.

But campaigners have called for older landmark buildings around Halesowen to be protected from developments to ensure the town retains important parts of its history.

A community group recently draw up a list of buildings it wants to see protected.

They claim landmarks like the former Halesowen Council buildings in the

town centre, Lutley Mill and the home of Somers Sports and Social Club, based at the Grade II Listed site known as The Grange, should be safeguarded.

It comes after the future of the Halesowen Abbey ruins, in the grounds of Manor Farm off the A456 Manor Way, appeared settled as a deal to sell the site was expected to be completed shortly.

Other features around the town, such as the River Stour, should be explored to see if they can be made more of a feature to attract people to come and live in Halesowen, the report said.

Thousands of bins to be sent out

THOUSANDS more homes across Dudley will be receiving wheelie bins for household rubbish. A total 40,000 households will have the bins when the £2.5million project by Dudley Council is complete. Homes in Dudley, Halesowen and Brierley Hill are among those to be included.

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NEWS

Firm bosses lied about nationality of workers

by Lee Watton

ILLEGAL workers were taken on by a firm which then lied about their nationality and supplied them to a vegetable farm in The Cotswolds.

Foxwell Ltd, based in Lye, illegally employed Romanian workers and supplied them to the farm, passing them off as Hungarian to avoid legal questions.

The firm has now been banned from supplying workers to a number of industries – including agriculture, horticulture and shellfish – after an investigation revealed ‘persistent and systematic’ breaches of its licence. The firm, in High Street, has now been stripped of its gangmasters’ licence following an investigation by the Gangmasters Licensing Authority.

The agency, which serves agricultural workers and food pickers, was set up in the wake of the Morecambe Bay tragedy in 2004, when 21 cockle pickers were drowned by an incoming tide.

Investigation

An investigation revealed Foxwell Ltd was found to have breached at least 11 different licensing standards in supplying workers to a vegetable farm in Chipping Camden, Gloucestershire. It also showed there were inadequate records of hours worked for calculating worker wages and not allowing a worker paid leave to attend antenatal appointments.

There was also no record of complaints or any formal procedure in place to handle them, while there was a failure to provide adequate toilet and first-aid facilities for field workers. An inspection report concluded Foxwell Ltd’s non-compliance with licensing standards was ‘persistent and systematic’.

Notification of the licence was to be revoked was sent in March. The firm initially lodged an appeal against the decision but this has now been withdrawn.

Piece of cake for funds



Halesowen College student Sophie Wilkinson puts the icing on the cake

THE dye is cast for a ‘great pink bake-off’ as students get set to raise some ‘dough’ for charity.

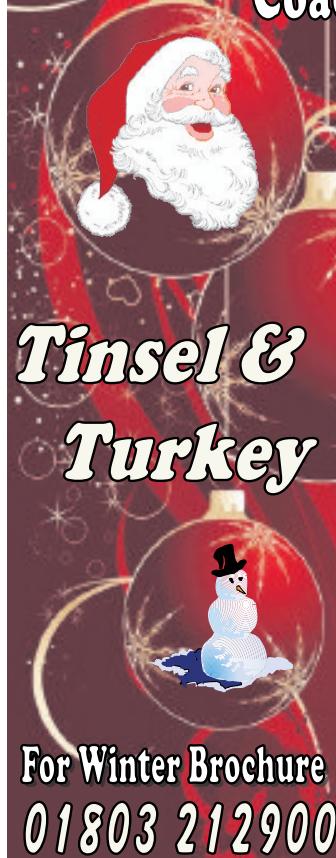
Halesowen College hosts the event on October 18 to help raise funds for Breakthrough Breast Cancer. The student bakers have taken on the challenge to raise as much money as they can through a sweepstake as to who will win the bake-off, in each bakery group, along with voting for

the best cakes. Following the bake-off the students will sell their cakes in the college’s refectory, as well as collecting donations.

Daniel Tennant, bakery lecturer, said: “The student bakers have had a delicious time trying out recipes. We’re hoping to raise lots of dough and we’d encourage everyone in the local community to get involved, it’s a piece of cake.”

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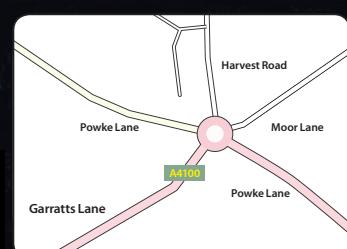


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Accolades for college students with Jade a cut above the rest

STUDENTS were walking tall – with a little help from performers on stilts – as they celebrated their college successes.

More than 70 students at Dudley College were honoured at the annual Celebrating Success Awards, picking up accolades for their hard work and determination over the academic year.

They let their hair down with family, friends and tutors at a glittering ceremony held at the college's Broadway Campus.

Tutors were asked to nominate students they thought deserved recognition for their

by Louise Jew

special achievements, and those who, through their sheer determination and effort, have reached their goals.

More than 300 guests were served cocktails and canapés in a marquee and entertained by college music students performing cool, sharp jazz, along with costumed characters dressed as 'stilt walkers' and 'Candy Dandy' hosts.

The characters were created by students from the Diploma Production Arts Level 3, who are studying costume, make-up and technical effects for film, TV and theatre.

Among the winners was 23-year-old wheelchair bound Alex Giles, of Stourbridge, who earned 'Contribution to College Life' award.

He has gained his BTEC Level III extended diploma in sport, FA Level 1 coaching in football and a sports leadership qualification and is now off to the University of Worcester to study sports development and coaching.

Encouraged

Alex, who was class representative and joined the 'Dudley Buddy' programme to help other learners, said: "From the day I arrived I knew it was the place for me to

achieve what I wanted to do. They encouraged me to contribute advice on disabilities and sport, to join in other lessons and work with them."

He added: "It's much better than when I was a small child, when disabled kids were asked to keep the score. 'I can see there being lots of work that I can do to help.'

Among other award winners was Jade Dowd Guest, a hairdressing apprentice from Euphoria Hair in Wordsley.

Jade, aged 18, from Stourbridge, said: "I took the apprentice route because I could get more salon experience. I've enjoyed it from day one."



Jade Dowd-Guest is congratulated by Euphoria colleagues

Charity boost thanks to trio



Fiona Mellor, right, with her training partners, left, Katie Tomkins and Becca Roberts, at the Great North Run

A PROPERTY consultant has completed the world's biggest half marathon in under two hours, raising more than £550 for Stourbridge-based charity Max Appeal in the process.

Fiona Mellor, an Associate Director at Harris Lamb in Birmingham, trained hard for months to compete in the 33rd Great North Run in Newcastle upon Tyne, calling for sponsorship from friends, family and colleagues to raise funds for Max Appeal.

Max Appeal was founded by parents of children diagnosed with DiGeorge Syndrome/VCFS/22q11.2 deletion.

Fiona said that the charity, which is run by a team of dedicated volunteers, needed all the awareness and support it could get when it came to educating people about the syndrome, and that knowing someone who had lost a son to the illness had cemented her decision to run for them.

Fiona ran with her training partners Katie Tomkins and Becca Roberts, both of whom also ran to raise funds for Max Appeal.

Grateful

"I do a lot of running, but the Great North Run has been a long-held ambition of mine. As the biggest half-marathon in the world, it has a real status about it, and taking part was fantastic.

"While the weather wasn't the greatest, it wasn't as bad as the forecast had led me to believe, and I was grateful for that. There was a great atmosphere and I loved every minute."

"I completed it in under two hours – 1 hour and 58 minutes to be precise, so I was delighted with my time – I was only 58 minutes behind Mo Farah! I also managed to raise more than £550 for Max Appeal, which will contribute to the charity's work in raising awareness and research into treatment for children diagnosed with DiGeorge Syndrome."

Fiona is now continuing her training to compete in the Birmingham Half Marathon in a couple of weeks with a team of colleagues from Harris Lamb.

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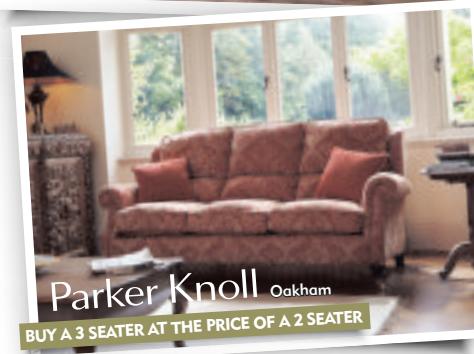


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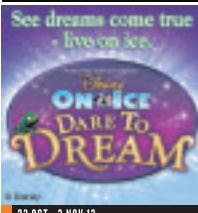
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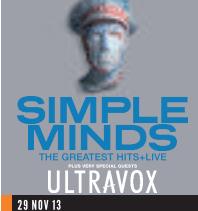
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Lecture to look at village's golden age

LOCAL historian Terry Church is taking a look at the 'golden age of village life' in the 24th Andrew Barnett Memorial Lecture on Thursday October 10.

The event, hosted by Sedgley Local History Society, takes place at St Andrews Church in Bilton Street, Sedgley. Mr Church says he is determined to put Wall Heath on the map and will talk about two of the most important decades of the last century in particular, the 1950s and 1960s. He will be capturing those vintage years with stories of school, the world of work and recollections of both local and national headlines.

Among the subjects he will be highlighting are the Cold War, 1953 and the Coronation, Lego, Baggies winning the FA Cup in 1954 and 1968, Wolves' success in the cup in 1960, the assassination of President Kennedy, England's World Cup heroes and the first man on the moon in 1969.

Visitors are invited to come along and admission is £1. Annual membership of the society costs £5 and gives free access to the programme of talks.

• Andrew Barnett was headteacher of Red Hall School in Lower Gornal and was co-founder of the society. His book Barnett's History of Sedgley is available in local libraries.



Learner Susan Lisseter, Pascale Bigot, who holds the art classes, and Judy Hill, show off their items

Brushing up on top techniques for art

BUDDING artists keen to learn new techniques to bring their work to life are being urged to sign up to new classes.

The new art courses are taking place at venues across Stourbridge and Halesowen aimed at inspiring people to get creative on canvas.

People will be able to learn a range of techniques from Stourbridge-based professional artist Pascale Bigot who has exhibited and taught adult education classes for 15 years. All levels of skill are welcome at the classes which started last week.

Each Tuesday classes are at The Talbot Hotel, in Stourbridge High Street. The class will take place 10am and 12pm teaching land-

scapes in soft pastels, learning about drawing and composition.

The second class will be from 12.15pm to 2.15pm in the same venue, focusing on polymer clay creations such as jewellery and contemporary bowls.

A class is also taking place each Wednesday at Quinton Methodist Church, Ridgeview Avenue, Quinton, Halesowen, from 10.30am until 1pm, following techniques used by Henri Matisse.

Pascale herself will host a class on Thursdays at Long Lane Library, Long Lane, Halesowen, between 10am and 12pm. These classes will be themed on drawing and shading movement. For more information, call 01384 444939.

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Addict, 28, took bikes to pay for his heroin

A 'COWARDLY' drug addict who stole bikes from two young boys to feed his heroin habit has been locked up for 22 months.

Scott Harris struck twice in less than two weeks targeting children aged 11 and 15, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Then the 28-year-old sold the machines for a pittance which was then squandered on drugs, said Mr Neil Ahuja, prosecuting.

Harris wrestled a £300 cycle from the horrified 11-year-old after starting to talk to the innocent victim who was playing at a BMX jump park in the Black Horse recreation ground off Cradley Road, Netherton, on August 10, the court heard.

Police were called but the bike had been sold for £10 by the defendant before officers could get to the scene but he took them to the house of the man who had bought it and the stolen cycle was recovered, the court heard.

Offence

Mr Ahuja continued: "The defendant was speaking to the young boy and then forcibly snatched the bike from the grasp of the child and quickly drove away."

The bike was sold for £20 and has never been recovered.

Harris, who was on bail following his arrest for a similar offence committed less than two weeks earlier, was detained again three days later.

He had taken the bike of a 15-year-old boy that he spotted left unlocked outside an address in Moor Street, Brierley Hill, on

July 31. Harris was later spotted on the missing machine and followed to another property in the same street where his girlfriend lived, added the prosecutor.

Police were called but the bike had been sold for £10 by the defendant before officers could get to the scene but he took them to the house of the man who had bought it and the stolen cycle was recovered, the court heard.

He was jailed by Recorder Martin Butterworth who told him: "You targeted young children thinking that stealing from them was a simple and easy way to feed your drug habit."

"You seemed to believe you could do this with impunity."

Appeal on theft of bike from station

AN APPEAL has been made after a bike was stolen from Wolverhampton train station.

The bike – a grey, white and black Carrera model – was secured to a cycle rack on platform one at the station and belong to a 40-year-old Dudley man.

He left it there for the weekend on Friday August 2 and returned on Monday 5 to find it was missing.

Pc Damien Atterbury said: "We have undertaken extensive enquiries already, including speaking to witnesses, circulating this image on police systems and reviewing CCTV which shows the cycle being taken at about 3pm on Sunday August 4."

Officers said they would like to hear from anyone who may have witnessed the theft, or who may have seen the bike. Pc Atterbury added: "Sadly, bicycles remain a desirable target for many thieves at train stations."

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Things to consider when you choose a nursery



Children love to learn through play

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One of the advantages is that nurseries offer a structured environment. All nurseries in England are inspected by Ofsted regularly for registration purposes, nursery staff work closely together (with rooms having more than one carer) and a manager oversees the running of the nursery.

Sickness

Another plus is that nurseries have clear rules for parents to follow (such as picking up and drop-off times), so you know exactly what is expected of you.

Parents also have the opportunity to meet other parents who may be able to lend support and exchange favours such as babysitting.

If you use registered or approved childcare, such as a nursery setting, you may be able to get help with your

childcare costs from the childcare element of the Working Tax Credit.

A nursery place can be seen as a stable and reliable form of childcare, because the nursery will still be open regardless of whether one carer is sick or late.

When you opt for a nursery you do not have to take someone else's sickness or holidays into account.

At least 50 per cent of staff in a nursery should be trained in early childhood education so they know what to expect from your child developmentally and are able to nurture their growing skills accordingly.

A nursery curriculum should include a wide variety of activities during the day to teach different skills, such as singing, dancing and listening to stories.

Many parents like the fact that their children spend their days engaged in play activities in a structured setting. Of course, the trained staff will be ensuring that the activities are age-appropriate to the children, helping them to learn as they play.

Finally, toddlers can benefit from the opportunity to mix and socialise with

other children, as it can help them to gain confidence.

Things to watch out for are opening and closing times, try to find one with some flexibility and sort out back-up care for when your child is ill or the nursery is closed.

Children will obviously not get the one-to-one care that is taken for granted with a stay-at-home mum or nanny.

Ratios

Babies, in particular, need a lot of love and attention but older children are often ready to develop their social and creative skills.

Good nurseries keep the number of children in each group lower than the regulations stipulate, too. You will find it useful to ask about staff to child ratios when you visit nurseries.

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As Dracula's shadow looms over England, a small group of young men and women, led by Professor Van Helsing, face a struggle with the undead.

Exciting

Director Eliot Giurarocca said "It's a fabulously talented cast with a muscular new adaptation of Bram Stoker's novel by John Gimman and original music by Ron McAllister. We have all the ingredients needed to create something exciting, memorable and thought provoking."

Tickets for Dracula are priced at £11 full price, £9 concessions and £5 for the matinee performance. They can be purchased at the box office on 01902 321 321 or at www.arenatheatre.info

Meanwhile, Don't Go Into The Cellar present a reading of M R James's ghost stories in Warnings To The Curious at the Bookmark Bloxwich Theatre in Elmore Row tomorrow night (Friday) at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £8 (£6 cons). Call 01922 655900.

Fashion guru in panto debut but not as 'fairy Gok mother'



The Illusionists, from left Jinger Leigh 'The Enchantress', Philip Escoffey 'The Mentalist', Jeff Hobson 'The Trickster', Dan Sperry 'The Anti-Conjurer', Kevin James 'The Inventor', and Mark Kalin 'The Gentleman'

Expect the unexpected

A MAGNIFICENT seven magicians join forces for a mind-boggling night of trickery when The Illusionists arrive in Wolverhampton next week as part of their world tour.

Each illusionist is a master of their field, ranging from mind-reading to escapology. They include Dan Sperry - The Anti-Conjurer - who is a master of shocking illusions. Jinger 'The Enchantress' Leigh and Mark 'The Gentleman' Kalin will make the impossible seem real, whilst Philip Escoffey - 'The Mentalist' - will apparently be invading minds in the audience.

Jeff 'The Trickster' Hobson blends magic and comedy while Kevin 'The Inventor' James is a master of deception. Andrew Basso - 'The Escapist' - is set to impress with his death-defying escapes. Expect to be baffled and, most of all, expect the unexpected.

The Illusionists are at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Tuesday, October 8. Tickets range from £32.50 to £40 plus fees. Call 0870 320 7000 or www.wolvscivic.co.uk

FASHION guru Gok Wan was joined by fellow panto stars Stephanie Beacham, John Partridge and Danielle Hope as Birmingham Hippodrome's revealed details of its big festive show Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

The 39-year-old TV presenter from Leicester will be making his pantomime debut starring as The Man In The Mirror, while John Partridge, best known for playing Christian in EastEnders will play the handsome Prince.

Danielle Hope, 21, who won BBC TV's talent show Over The Rainbow to star as Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz at the London Palladium, will be starring as Snow White.

Ventriloquist

Screen actress Stephanie Beacham, who appeared in Dynasty, will be the focus for boos and hisses as The Wicked Queen. West End regular Gary Wilmot is playing a Dame for the first time and ventriloquist Paul Zerdin plays Muddles.

No actual dwarfs will feature in the production with the seven played by 'physical theatre' actors in special costumes.

The show runs at the Hurst Street theatre from December 19 to February 2. Tickets are priced from £12 to £39. Contact the box office on 0844 338 5000.



Birmingham Hippodrome panto stars, from left, John Partridge, Danielle Hope, Gok Wan and Gary Wilmot

REVIEW

Too many drums drowned voice

Dan Whitehouse
Crescent Theatre, B'ham
WOLVERHAMPTON'S singer and songwriter Dan Whitehouse launched his second full album before a sold-out Crescent Theatre where he appeared with a full band including, oddly enough, two drummers.

Not surprisingly he opened with a track from his new album Reaching for a State of Mind, Come To Me, which was overwhelmed by too much percussion.

With both sets of drums banging away, Dan's voice was a little lost and the harmonies of a rather nervy Harriet Harkcom were barely audible. This problem carried into with the next song The Light.

Harsh

Dan finally came through with Come Back where, without the intrusion of the harsh percussion, his distinctive voice could be heard clearly.

The Birmingham-based singer was getting into his stride by the time he got to two of his best ballads They Care and Three Bodies. Dan tries awfully hard to please and include his audience but he should concentrate more on relaxing and letting his talent speak for itself.

In songs such as When We Were Sleeping and My Heart Doesn't Age you get a real feel for just how clever and intricate his writing is.

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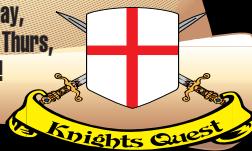
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SUNDAY'S TV 6.10.13

CHOICE



Christopher Villiers

By Any Means

BBC1, 9pm

The latest episode centres on the death of 18 people who perish in a building targeted as an arson attack. Could ruthless property developer Philip Granger be responsible, and if so can he be brought to justice because his is holed up in the Colombian Embassy, where the ambassador is an old school friend? That's where Jack and his team step in. They set up a surveillance operation to monitor his activity, while Charlie infiltrates the embassy and works on seducing the ambassador's daughter, Warren Brown, Shelley Conn and Christopher Villiers star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.40** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live 2013. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **11.30** Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Formula 1: Korean Grand Prix Highlights. **4.00** Points of View. **4.15** The Great Praise. **5.00** The Great British Year. (R) **5.50** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **6.20** **Countryfile**, Julia Bradbury visits the food festival in Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, and Matt Baker discovers how Blaenavon's old spoil heaps have created a surprising number of creatures. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

7.20 **Strictly Come Dancing: The Strictly**. The first couple are eliminated, and Matt Goss performs.

8.00 **Artists Roadshow**. Discoveries at Newstead Abbey, Nottinghamshire include an English literature prize presented to Dianthe Lawrence and the bugle used to sound the real Charge of the Light Brigade. Red button viewers can play along by guessing the valuations.

9.00 **By Any Means**. Charlie goes undercover on an embassy. **10.00** **BBC News: Regional News: Weather**.

10.25 **Match of the Day 2**. Including highlights of Norwich City v Chelsea.

11.45 **The Sky at Night**. The team goes camping at the Brecon Beacons AstroCamp star party.

12.05 **Weatherview**. **12.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **7.05** Film: *Dance, Girls, Dance*. (1940) **8.20** *Gardeners' World*. (R) **9.00** The Beachgrove Garden. **9.30** James Martin's Food Map of Britain. (R) **10.00** James Martin's Food Map of Britain. (R) **10.30** Live Athletics. **1.30** Live Gymnastics: World Artistic Championships. **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.00** Super League: Super League Play-Offs.

6.00 **Great British Railway Journeys**. (R)

6.30 **The Great British Bake Off**. The remaining six contestants face three tasks involving pastry, making signature suet puddings, choux buns with creme patissiere, and three different types of pastries. (R)

7.30 **The Ginge, the Geek and the Geek**. The gulls take revenge on a motorist.

8.00 **The Crane Gang**. A wind turbine installation is brought to a halt by high winds. Last in the series.

9.00 **The Ottomans: Europe's Muslim Emperors**. New episodes. Rafeh Omar traces the history of the Islamic empire.

10.00 **The Wrong Mans**. Sam and Phil try to rescue Mr Stevens' wife. (R)

10.30 **QI XL**, Extended edition. With Jeremy Clarkson, Jimmy Carr and Bill Bailey.

11.15 **Never Mind the Buzzcocks**. Russell Howard hosts, with Colm Meaney and Lethal Bizzle. (R)

11.45 **The Year of Living Dangerously**. (1982) Political thriller, starring Mel Gibson.

1.35 **Sign Zone: Countryfile**. (R) **2.30** **Holby City**. (R) **3.30** **This Is BBC Two**.

ITV

6.00 **CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Babou**. (R) **6.10** **Matt Hatter Chronicles**. (R) **6.35** **Dino Dan**. (R) **6.50** **Dino Dan**. (R) **7.00** **Canimals**. (R) **7.10** **Canimals**. (R) **7.25** **Sooty**. **7.35** **Horrid Henry**. (R) **7.45** **Horrid Henry**. (R) **8.00** **Almost Naked Animals**. (R) **8.15** **Mr. Bookner Street**. (R) **8.30** **Fish Hooks**. **8.45** **Big Time Rush**. **9.25** **Ade in Britain**. (R) **10.20** **Film: Columbus: Last Salute to the Commodore**. (1976) **12.15** **ITV News: Weather**. **12.25** **Inside the National Trust**. **1.25** **The X Factor**. (R) **3.15** **Film: The Hobbit: Desolation of Smaug**. (R) **3.40** **Big Star's Little Star**. (R) **4.45** **Downton Abbey**. (R) **5.45** **Regional Programme: Weather**. **5.55** **ITV News: Weather**.

6.10 **Surprise Surprise**. An inspirational girl meets the Saturday. Aled Jones helps a character to find his ambition and two siblings are introduced to their brother after years of searching.

7.10 **The X Factor**. The judges have to tell the remaining acts in which categories who have made it into the final 12, and who is heading home disappointed.

9.00 **Downton Abbey**. An extravagant party at the Abbey gives the Crawleys an opportunity to reunite with old friends, but alongside the celebrations come shuddering and heartache.

10.05 **ITV News: Weather**.

10.20 **the Classic BRIT Awards 2013**. Mylène Klass hosts the ceremony from the Royal Albert Hall.

11.50 **Premiership Rugby Union**. **12.45** **The Store**. **2.45** **Motorsport UK**. **3.35** **ITV Nightsgreen**. **5.05** **The Jeremy Kyle Show**. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.35 **The American Football Show**. (R) **7.20** **American Football**; **Hard Rock**. **8.30** **Parody Lab**; **James Raymond**. (R) **9.00** **Frasier**. (R) **9.30** **Sunday Brunch**. **12.30** **The Simpsons**. (R) **1.00** **Channel 4 Racing**. **3.45** **Film: Turner & Hooch**. (1989) **5.40** **My Big Fat Gypsy Christening**. (R) **6.40** **Channel 4 News**.

7.00 **World's Weirdest Weather**. Alex Beresford reveals the part that the weather plays in the creation of strange weather events, from tornados spinning on the spot to dust storms, double rainbows and mirages. (R)

8.00 **Kevin McCloud's Man Made Home**. Kevin plans to build an observation tower three times taller than a double-decker bus, and turns to an ingenious mechanism to get around planning restrictions.

9.00 **Homeland**. New series. With Brody still at large almost three months after the terrorist attack on Langley, Saul plots a counterstrike, aiming to avenge his son and to the devastating incident.

10.05 **Was It Something I Said?** New series. Panel show, hosted by David Mitchell.

10.40 **Gogglebox**. Viewers' thoughts on the week's TV. (R)

11.30 **Alan Carr: Chatty Man**. The comedian is joined by David Mitchell, James McAvoy and Strictly Come Dancing co-host Tess Daly with some of this year's contestants. Iggy Azalea provides the music. (R)

12.30 **Paddy's TV Guide**. (R) **1.15** **American Football Live**. **4.45** **FIM Superbike World Championship**. (R) **5.15** **Countdown**. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 **Milkshake!** **Peppa Pig**. **6.05** **Roary the Racing Car**. (R) **6.15** **Fifi and the Flowertots**. (R) **6.25** **Bubble Guppies**. (R) **6.30** **The Mr Men Show**. (R) **6.50** **Chloe's Closet**. (R) **7.00** **Milkshake!** **Monkey**. (R) **7.05** **Roobarb and Custard Too**. (R) **7.10** **Bananas in Pyjamas**. (R) **7.25** **Make Way for Noddy**. (R) **7.45** **The City of Fibre**. (R) **8.00** **Peppa Pig**. (R) **8.10** **The Adventures of Bottie Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky**. (R) **8.25** **Angelina Ballerina**. (R) **8.45** **Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures**. (R) **8.50** **Miu Mau**. (R) **9.00** **Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom**. (R) **9.15** **Tom's Travelling Circus**. (R) **9.25** **Roary the Racing Car**. (R) **9.40** **Jelly Jamm**. (R) **10.00** **The Mr Men Show**. (R) **10.15** **Power Rangers: Super Samurai**. (R) **10.50** **Sluggers**. **11.20** **Inside Hollywood**. **12.00** **Cowboy Builders**. (R) **1.25** **Cowboy Builders**. (R) **2.30** **Film: Innerspace**. (1987) **4.50** **Film: The Time Machine**. (2002)

6.30 **Film: Superman II**. (1980) Comic-strip adventure, starring Christopher Reeve and Terence Stamp. Edited for language.

8.55 **5 News Weekend**.

9.00 **Film: Villains**. (2010) A family-friendly comedy, starring Ashton Kutcher and Katherine Heigl.

11.05 **Film: Date Movie**. (2006) Spoof romantic comedy, with Alyson Hannigan and Adam Campbell.

12.30 **Traveller Feuds**. (R) **1.15** **SuperCasino**. **4.00** **Michaela's Wild Challenge**. (R) **4.45** **Match It Big**. (R) **4.50** **Roary the Racing Car**. (R) **5.00** **Angels of Jarm**. (R) **5.10** **Hana's Helpline**. (R) **5.20** **The Funky Valley Show**. (R) **5.40** **Roary the Racing Car**. (R) **5.50** **Hana's Helpline**. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 **Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D**. **7.20** **Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End** (2007) **10.00** **Farm Guy**. **10.45** **Some Girls**. **11.15** **American Dad!**

BBC Four

7.00 **Miss Marple**. **7.50** **West Coast Otters**. **8.00** **Fabric of Britain: The Wonder of Embroidery**. **9.00** **Mark Lawson Talks to Bob Geldof**. **10.00** **Sight and Sound in Concert: Boomtown Rats**. **11.00** **Crossing England in a Punt: River of Dreams**

ITV2

3.50 **The X Factor**. **5.50** **The Xtra Factor**. **6.50** **Film: The Mummy**. **7.00** **Tomb of the Dragon Emperor**. (2008) **9.00** **The Xtra Factor**. **10.00** **The Only Way Is Vegas**. **11.00** **Film: The Wedding Singer** (1998)

ITV3

3.35 **George and Mildred**. **4.10** **Film: The Best of Benny Hill** (1974) **5.55** **Murder, She Wrote**. **7.00** **Levi's**. **9.00** **An Audience with Lionel Richie**. **10.00** **Film: The Graduate** (1967)

ITV4

3.45 **Film: For Whom the Bell Tolls**. **4.00** **BRGCO Football**. **4.45** **Championship Highlights**. **8.00** **Premiership Rugby Union**. **9.00** **Film: The Parole Officer** (2001) **11.00** **Film: South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut** (1999)

E4

4.00 **How I Met Your Mother**. **6.50** **The Big Bang Theory**. **6.50** **How I Met Your Mother**. **7.15** **Rules of Engagement**. **7.45** **Film: Bad Boys**. **8.00** **New Rule**. **11.00** **Rules of Engagement**. **11.30** **Don't Trust the B---- in Apartment 23**

Film4

2.55 **High Noon** (1952) **4.35** **Aliens in the Attic** (2009) **6.15** **Independence Day** (1996) **9.00** **The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (2009) **11.35** **The Joneses** (2009)

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MONDAY
Reservoir Dogs, Channel 5, 10.55pm

Criminals are employed by a crime boss to carry out a diamond robbery that goes disastrously wrong. In the bloody aftermath of the heist, they try to establish what happened and how the police were aware of their plans all along – leading to the hardening suspicion that one of them betrayed the gang. Quentin Tarantino's thriller, starring Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth, Michael Madsen, Chris Penn and Steve Buscemi. (1992)

TUESDAY
The Boy She Met Online, Channel 5, 3.10pm

A teenage girl falls madly in love with someone claiming to be a college student, whom she meets on a social networking website, and keeps her internet romance a secret from her mother. However, she is unaware that everything he has told her about himself is a lie. Drama, starring Tracy Spiridakos and Alexandra Paul. (2010)



Reservoir Dogs, Monday, Channel 5, 10.55pm

Hearts in Atlantis, ITV, 10.35pm

A miserable youngster, neglected by his vain mother and bullied by local youths, befriends an elderly man who is lodging in their house. The pair share many recollections and secrets, and it is not long before the boy discovers his new friend possesses otherworldly gifts. But shadowy figures are determined to use his powers for their own devious ends. Drama adapted from Stephen King's novel, starring Anthony Hopkins. (2001)

WEDNESDAY
Trust the Man, BBC1, 11.45pm

Two Manhattan-based couples hit a rocky patch in their relationships. Husband and wife Tom and Rebecca look to therapy and counselling to try to save their ailing marriage, while Tobe and Elaine decide to go their separate ways after seven difficult years together. Comedy drama, with David Duchovny. (2005)

THURSDAY
Gone, ITV, 10.40pm

A British couple travelling around Australia befriend an American backpacker and let him accompany them on their trip across the Outback. However, as they venture farther from civilisation, their new travelling companion shows a dark side to his nature. Thriller, starring Shannen Doherty, Scott Mechlowicz and Amelia Warner. (2007)

Friday
Piranha, Channel 5, 11pm

Teenagers descend on a seaside resort, only to end up walking into a massacre when an underwater tremor unleashes a horde of carnivorous prehistoric fish that go in search of human prey. The local sheriff battles to destroy the creatures as bloodletting ensues. Horror remake, starring Elisabeth Shue. (2010)

Pick of the Week

Paying a fitting tribute to the nation's heroes

If you're at that sort of age where you get teary-eyed watching Roy and Hayley on Coronation Street or even big screen blockbusters like White House Down, then well warn you now: get a big box of handkerchiefs as today's Mirror's Pride of Britain Awards 2013 will leave you roaring.

There are many uplifting stories of courage and of going the extra mile here, which, in a world where everyone seems to be looking out for themselves, restores your faith in humanity. Grosvenor House in London's Park Lane will be the setting for this star-studded event, with the likes of Prince William, Prince Charles and Prime Minister David Cameron joining more than 100 celebrities in honouring Britain's living heroes. Hosted by Carol Vorderman, the 15th annual do is packed with stories of selfless courage and achievement against the odds.

Winners include a 10-year-old boy who saved his dad's life when he collapsed with a heart attack. If that's not enough to make you fill up you undoubtedly will when you hear the

story of the eight year-old meningitis victim who, had his four limbs amputated.

What's remarkable is that he went on an unbelievable fund-raising mission for the hospital that treated him. By this point in the proceedings, we may expect a river of mascara to be running down your cheeks, but there are even more stories like that to come.

Such as the one of the lollipop lady who was so kind to him she stopped in front of an out-of-control car to save a group of schoolchildren. Naturally, thoughts also turn to Britain's armed forces in Afghanistan, and, in particular, to a brave rifleman who ran across open ground under sniper fire to rescue an injured comrade – despite having been shot himself.

Marking the 150th anniversary of the FA, Prince William will meet an extraordinary woman who turned around her community through the power of the beautiful game.

Those who lost relatives in the Hillsborough tragedy, and fought for almost a quarter of a century to

uncover the truth about what happened on that fateful day, will also be honoured. Carol Vorderman says: "It's always such a great pleasure hosting Pride of Britain. For me, it is the only awards show on TV that really matters because the winners are real people who could not be more deserving."

The judging committee selecting this year's winners are ITN news anchor Mark Austin, Campaigner and Pride of Britain winner 2012 Katie Piper, Olympic heptathlon gold medallist Denise Lewis OBE, former England footballer Michael Owen, President of the Royal College of Nursing Andrea Spyropoulos, Chief Constable of West Midlands Police Chris Sims, Daybreak presenter Aled Jones MBE and Paralympic hero David Weir CBE.

Carol adds: "Over the past 14 years, there have been so many heart-warming, inspiring stories of people who have contributed so much to this country. "It's a chance for us to celebrate Britain at its best and I'm not surprised it has become the biggest national event of its kind."



Carol Vorderman hosts The Pride of Britain Awards 2013, Tuesday, ITV, 8pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY
EastEnders
BBC1, 8pm

Look up 'cheeky chappy' in the dictionary, and chances are you'll see Alfie Moon's face gurning back at you. But even the life and soul of every Vic them night has his limits, and discovering that Roxy has been seeing her sister behind his back has just about pushed him over it. To make matters worse, Michael is winding him up about his fiancée's betrayal, and when Alfie confronts Ronnie, she says that while she is sorry about snatching his son and everything, she is Roxy's family and he'll just have to get used to it.

Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food
BBC2, 8.30pm

There was once a time when the sole purpose of a pub was to serve its customers the beverage of their choice. But now a hostelry that doesn't serve meals is very unusual. When it comes to pub food, few know more than Tom Kerridge. Last year, his gastropub, The Hand & Flowers in Buckinghamshire, became the first pub to be awarded two Michelin stars. Now he's passing on his expertise to viewers via this series. This week he's demonstrating meals that can be served to groups of friends.

TUESDAY
The Dog Rescuers
Channel 5, 7.30pm

Dogs are supposedly man's best friend – so why do so many of them end up abused and badly treated? That may for ever remain a mystery, but

programmes such as Animal Hospital, Paul O'Grady's For the Love of Dogs and now Dog Rescuers have highlighted the terrible conditions some canines have been forced to endure.

Thankfully, as we're about to see in this new, ten-part series, some tales do have a happy ending. The programme begins in Manchester, where the RSPCA is carrying out a joint operation with the police and trading standards officers at a puppy farm where they suspect dogs are being bred illegally.

WEDNESDAY
Dan Snow's History of Congo
BBC2, 9pm

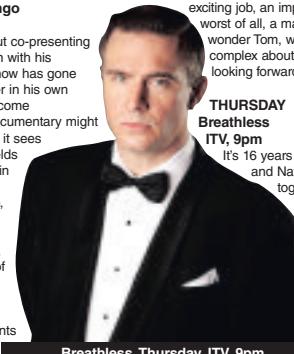
Although he made his TV debut co-presenting a programme about El Alamein with his newsreader dad Peter, Dan Snow has gone on to be a successful presenter in his own right – and his shows have become increasingly ambitious. This documentary might be his most challenging yet as it sees Dan behind the British battlefields and trains he has reported on in the past and heading to the Democratic Republic of Congo, which is one of the wildest, most colourful and anarchic places on the planet. In theory, it should also have been one of the richest due to its natural resources, yet instead the country has been blighted by poverty – and the historian wants to find out why.

Father Figure
BBC1, 10.35pm

With its cosy family set-up and liberal amounts of slapstick, Father Figure seems to have been tailor-made for prime-time Friday viewing – so it's strange to find it tucked away on a late-night Wednesday. However, Miranda and this sitcom's most obvious recent antecedent Mrs Brown's Boys also overcame odd scheduling and mixed early reviews to become big hits, so there's hope for Jason Byrne's show yet. This fourth episode also has the added benefit of a guest role for Peter Serafinowicz, who stars as Elaine's ex-boyfriend Karl. He's got charm, an exciting job, an impressive physique and worst of all, a magnificent chin – no wonder Tom, who is developing a complex about his own 'turkey neck' isn't looking forward to his visit.

THURSDAY
Breathless
ITV, 9pm

It's 16 years since Jack Davenport and Natasha Little appeared together in the second series of This Life. They reunite for this new drama set in 1961 as glamorous married couple Otto and Elizabeth Powell. Otto is a charismatic surgeon working in a gynaecology unit. He's convinced he can



Breathless, Thursday, ITV, 9pm

make positive changes to women's lives, even if it means breaking the abortion laws. But despite appearing to be perfect, Otto and Elizabeth are hiding a dark secret that could wreck their lives.

Truckers
BBC1, 9pm

Channel 5 has spent years trying to convince us that the lives of lorry drivers are inherently dramatic – just look at all those series of Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. But now the BBC is getting in on the act too, with an actual drama series centring on a haulage firm in Nottinghamshire. Stephen Tompkinson heads the impressive cast as Malachi, who got divorced 18 months ago, but is still living in the family home with his ex-wife. He's not moved on emotionally either, and is still hopeful his relationship can be fixed – until he discovers his wife is engaged to another man. Malachi is also facing upheaval at work as the new boss Martin (John Dagleish) unveils a revised roster.

FRIDAY
World Cup Qualifying Live
ITV, 7.30pm

The quest to reach next year's World Cup finals in Brazil moves a step closer to concluding this evening, as England welcome Montenegro to Wembley Stadium in their penultimate Group H encounter. With the visit of Poland to come on Tuesday night, Roy Hodgson can at least draw comfort from the knowledge that two wins would guarantee qualification no matter how their rivals perform, however they have so far failed to defeat any of their direct rivals in the group.

WINTER SALE

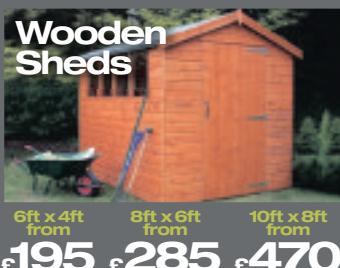
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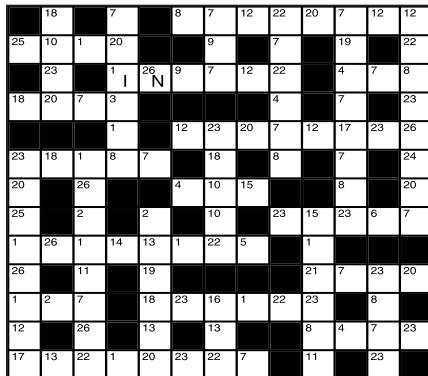


Puzzler**Brain Gym**

No.241

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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**Double Crossword**

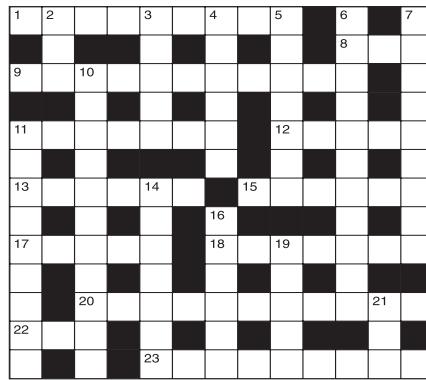
Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:**Across**

1. It shows the pressure we're under (9)
8. Make second-hand (3)
9. What a motoring school is expected to do for the fireman's boss (5,6)
11. Made run, perhaps, being defenceless (7)
12. Work to rule? (5)
13. Threaten to give me the cane, somehow (6)
15. Article in the van (6)
17. Speeds regulated by local authorities (5)
18. Those who inherit are bound to (7)
20. Not a reasonable way to act (11)
22. Wood used in model-making (3)
23. He should be a good mixer (9)
24. Not the true position (3)

Down

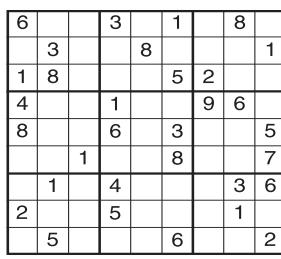
2. A number smaller than two! (3)
3. A note for the chemist (5)
4. Diatribe I get in traffic (6)
5. A dream I think a lot about (7)
6. A case of galloping consumption? (7,4)
7. Observing a communist and becoming angry (6,3)
10. In such a race, do you have a minute adversary? (7,4)
11. Not a member of a union? (9)
14. The actors went in front and changed positions on board (7)
16. A wrong guess about customs (6)
19. A number yearn to find the hiding place (5)
21. Not the true position (3)

**Quick Clues:****Across**

1. Fleeting (9)
8. Be in debt to (3)
9. Demolition (11)
11. Act of contrition (7)
12. Perfect (5)
13. Stirred up (6)
15. Assert (6)
17. Rub out (5)
18. Brave (7)
20. Lying between (11)
22. Deed (3)
23. Release (9)

Down

2. Regret (3)
3. Temptress (5)
4. Shun (6)
5. Trifling (7)
6. Ally (11)
7. Remember (9)
10. Oddity (11)
11. Eternal (9)
14. Built (7)
16. Turns aside (6)
19. Get to know (5)
21. Constantly find fault with (3)

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

7	6	3	5	2	8	9	4	1
2	5	1	7	4	3	6	8	
1	8					7	2	5
4	3	2	8	5	6	1	9	
5	1	9	6	7	3	4	8	
8	2	6	9	3	5	1	4	
9	7	1	8	6	2	4	5	3
6	5	8	3	4	9	1	7	2
3	4	2	7	5	1	8	9	6

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Larist; 8 Select; 10 Opinion; 11 Paste; 12 Emit; 13 Fence; 17 Quits; 18 Peri; 22 Dwarf; 23 Ill-fame; 24 Euclid; 25 Capers. Down: 1 Almoner; 2 Prairie; 3 Ratio; 4 Respect; 5 Tense; 6 Other; 9 Uncertain; 14 Fun-fair; 15 Relaxed; 16 License; 19 Idled; 20 Hatch; 21 Float. QUICK - Across: 7 Expert; 8 Zenith; 10 Emotion; 11 Lucid; 12 Sane; 13 Bogus; 17 Greed; 18 Pair; 22 Thing; 23 Crucial; 24 Result; 25 Revere. Down: 1 Perverse; 2 Appoint; 3 Slay; 4 Zealous; 5 Pinch; 6 Shudder; 9 Consecrate; 14 Wriggle; 15 Mariner; 16 Trolley; 19 Story; 20 First; 21 Queer.

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Property

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO
HOME BUYING AND LETTING

Rental opportunities in this sought-after area

LEADING housebuilder Taylor Wimpey is inviting people looking for an enticing investment opportunity to visit its sought-after Woodall Grange development in Dudley.

There has never been a better time to explore the benefits of the rental property market, with low interest rates and rising rents making an investment in bricks and mortar a very attractive option.

In fact, recent figures showed mortgage borrowing to fund buy-to-lets has hit a five-year high with investors looking to cash in on the flourishing property market.

Potential gross rental yields of more than five per cent means Taylor Wimpey's desirable portfolio of new-build apartments at Woodall Grange is in demand with clued-up landlords.

For example, a two-bedroom apartment at the development, priced £99,995, can command around £450 a month in rent, delivering a 5.4 per cent yield on the investment.

Anne Wallace, regional sales and marketing director for Taylor Wimpey, says: "Buying a property to rent out can be a savvy investment opportunity and purchasing one of our new-build apartments makes sense for clued-up landlords because the upkeep and maintenance costs are likely to be lower than with a second-hand property."

"We are confident the contemporary apartments at Woodall Grange will appeal to a wide range of tenants in the West Midlands and would urge prospective investors to come and find out more about this fantastic opportunity."

The two-bedroom 'Canterbury'



Taylor Wimpey's Woodall Grange development has affordable apartments

apartment, priced from £99,995, features an open-plan kitchen/living/dining room, an ensuite master bedroom, a further bedroom, and a main bathroom, while there's allocated parking outside.

All apartments also come complete with a dishwasher, washer/dryer, fridge freezer, a hob, single oven and flooring, making them an ideal rental purchase.

Woodall Grange enjoys a well-connected location off Constitution Hill, just a short stroll from the extensive selection of shops, restaurants and entertainment venues in Dudley town centre.

Meanwhile, big name brands, niche products, everyday items and special gifts can be snapped up at any one of more than 230 stores at Merry Hill Shopping Centre, three miles away, where food from across the globe can be enjoyed at more than 50 places to

eat. Families will also appreciate the good choice of nursery, primary and secondary schools located near the new homes.

The development is perfectly placed for those who work in Dudley town centre while there's also quick access to the A4123 into Birmingham or Wolverhampton and junction 2 of the M5 motorway is just a few miles away, providing links to the M42 and M6 for the Midlands and beyond.

Dudley Port railway station is just over two miles from home, offering services into Birmingham New Street in approximately 15 minutes.

To find out more about the investment opportunities available at Woodall Grange, property-seekers can visit the sales centre, located off Martin Hill Street, Dudley, DY2 8RT, and open Thursday to Monday from 10am to 5pm. The sales executive can also be contacted on 01384 880877.



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Haden Park Road

- * Traditional Detached House
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- * EPC=tbc

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- * Utility
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- * Luxury bathroom with shower over bath
- * Gas boiler heating radiators * EPC = C

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Oldbury



Plot 3 Site of 46 George Road

- * Link detached bungalow
- * Two parking spaces
- * Two bedrooms
- * L Shaped lounge/dining area
- * Quality fitted kitchen with host of appliances
- * Luxury bathroom with shower over bath
- * Gas boiler heating radiators * EPC = C

Fixed Price £185,000

Halesowen



Compton Road

- * Semi detached House
- * Extended Kitchen and Living Room
- * Downstairs wc
- * Three Bedrooms
- * Small Garage
- * EPC = tbc

Offers in the region of £179,950

Quinton



Hagley Road West

- * Semi Detached House
- * Living room forming lounge and dining area
- * Enlarged kitchen and utility room
- * Three bedrooms * Bathrooms with both bath and shower * Conservatory
- * Good Sized Rear Garden
- * Double glazing to majority of windows
- * EPC = F

Offers in the region of £169,950

Halesowen



Rowley Regis



Kent Road

- * End Terraced House
- * Downstairs wc
- * Bedroom One with En-suit Shower Room
- * Two Further Bedrooms
- * Bathrooms
- * Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- * EPC = C

Offers in the region of £142,500

Halesowen Hurst Green



Crendon Road

- * Semi Detached
- * Three Bedrooms
- * Through Lounge
- * Good Sized Garage
- * No Upward Chain
- * EPC = D

Offers in the region of £139,950

Oldbury



Leahouse Road

- * Mid Terrace House
- * Kitchen/Breakfast room
- * Through Room forming Lounge and Dining Room
- * Three Bedrooms
- * Bathroom
- * EPC = D

Offers in the region of £135,000

Rowley Regis



Cakemore Road

- * Semi Detached
- * Three Good Sized Bedrooms
- * Two Reception Rooms
- * Off Road Parking
- * Rear Garage With Electric Door
- * EPC = C

Offers in the region of £129,950

Quinton



Quinton Road West

- * Semi detached House
- * In Need of General Modernisation and Improvement
- * Two Reception Rooms
- * Two Bedrooms
- * Separate Bathroom & wc
- * EPC = C

Offers in the region of £99,950

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Flat 19 Client House

- * Top floor two bedroom flat * EPC = D
- * Living room with stunning views
- * Kitchen with cooker, extract, F/F & washer
- * Neutral decor & carpets
- * DG windows & electric heating * Garage

Monthly rent of £450+ application fee £135

(inc VAT)

1st tenant and £65 (inc VAT)

each additional tenant.

Deposit required 6 weeks rent.

Cradley Heath



Birmingham Edgbaston



Flat 2 Beechwood Court 437 Halesowen Road

- * Self contained Bedsit style flat
- * Large bedding room * Fitted kitchen
- * Bathroom with shower over bath
- * Night storage heating * EPC=E
- * Car parking within communal grounds

Monthly rent of £295+ application fee £135

(inc VAT)

1st tenant and £65 (inc VAT)

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Deposit required 6 weeks rent.

Dudley Lower Gornal



28 Gideons Close

- * Semi detached house
- * Two bedrooms
- * Kitchen with some appliances
- * Alarm * GCH & DOW
- * Garage & off road car space
- * Double glazing & electric heating
- * EPC = C

Monthly rent of £353+ application fee £135

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Smethwick



64 Bishopston Road

- * modernised terraced house
- * 3 bedrooms
- * UPVC double glazing to most windows
- * Gas boiler radiator heating
- * Large fitted kitchen
- * garage at rear * EPC = D

Monthly rent of £675+ application fee £135

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1st tenant and £65 (inc VAT)

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102 Olive Lane

- * Modern semi-detached house
- * 2 Bedrooms
- * Fitted kitchen with oven, hob, hood
- * White bathroom suite with shower
- * Carpets/floor coverings
- * Gas boiler/radiator heating system * EPC=D

Monthly rent of £535+ application fee £135

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39a Beecher Street

- * Superb 3 bed starter home
- * Ideal for professional couple or new family
- * EPC = D. * Kitchen with oven, hob & hood.
- * Living room with gas fire
- * Off road car space & GCH & DGW
- * Beautiful enclosed rear garden

Monthly rent of £570+ application fee £135

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1st tenant and £65 (inc VAT)

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Deposit required 6 weeks rent.

Stourbridge Hagley



38 Chestnut Drive

- * Self contained flat
- * One bedroom
- * Open plan living room
- * Kitchen with oven, hob & hood
- * Gas boiler radiator heating system
- * Garage below flat * EPC = C

Monthly rent of £525+ application fee £135

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1st tenant and £65 (inc VAT)

each additional tenant.

Deposit required 6 weeks rent.

Brierley Hill Quarry Bank



16 East Street

- * modern semi
- * 2 bedrooms
- * fitted kitchen with oven and hob
- * gas boiler/radiator heating system
- * great for access to Merry Hill shopping Centre
- * EPC=D

Monthly rent of £565+ application fee £135

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Deposit required 6 weeks rent.

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1 Elm Drive

- * Detached house
- * Three bedrooms
- * Lounge & dining room
- * Re-fitted kitchen with appliances
- * Garage * EPC=E

Monthly rent of £795+ application fee £135

(inc VAT)

1st tenant and £65 (inc VAT)

each additional tenant.

Deposit required 6 weeks rent.

Halesowen



Smethwick



20A Abbey Road

- * Two bed flat
- * Various appliances
- * Large living room
- * Parking space
- * EPC=F

Monthly rent of £395+ application fee £135

(inc VAT)

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Deposit required 6 weeks rent.

Cradley Heath Old Hill



Flat Above 158 Halesowen Road

- * First floor flat.
- * One bedroom.
- * Double glazed windows.
- * Electric heating.
- * New carpets/ floor coverings. EPC=E

Monthly rent of £350+ application fee £135

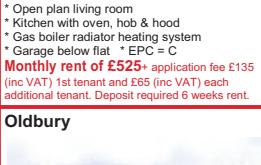
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Oldbury



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Halesowen



1 Cross Street

- * EPC = D
- * Prominent position.
- * Car sales showroom
- * Retractable windows
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- * Separate enclosed yard
- * Open fronted workshop

Offers in the region of £200,000

Oldbury



Unit A Portway Road

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with plumbing for automatic washing machine.

On the first floor are three bedrooms and a bathroom with panelled bath with electric shower, pedestal wash basin and WC. The rear garden has a patio area and lawn.

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The house is approached over an asphalt driveway with parking for numerous vehicles past a lawned area to a garage, while on the ground floor is a downstairs WC with

wash hand basin and a living room – 14ft by 13ft 9in – with coal-effect gas fire in marble type surround and hearth.

The dining kitchen, 20ft by 11ft 4in, has a range of base and wall units, single drainer stainless steel sink, roll-edge work surfaces, integrated oven with four ring electric hob and cooker hood, with a dining area with gas fire.

On the first floor are three bedrooms and a shower room with cubicle, WC and pedestal wash hand basin.

The garage has plumbing for an automatic washing machine, with the rear garden having a paved patio area, lawn, flowers and shrubs.

Telephone Skitts on 01902 686868.

Hicks Hadley

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Halesowen Office



HALESOWEN, Huntington Crescent £750 pcm
Centrally located to Halesowen. This immaculate property which is not to be missed features 4 good size bedrooms, 1 large reception room, fitted kitchen with dishwasher and fridge freezer, house bathroom with shower, conservatory, block paved driveway and garage.



HALESOWEN, Sanderson Place £650 pcm
Luxury living in Hayley Green. A superb ground floor apartment offering spacious accommodation including open plan lounge/kitchen and diner, 2 double bedrooms, master with en-suite, further well appointed bathroom with shower, gas central heating, double glazing and allocated parking.



BEARWOOD, St Marys Road £625 pcm
A 2 bedroom furnished to suit mid terraced house located in this very popular area of Bearwood. The property offers spacious accommodation with 2 reception rooms, kitchen with appliances, downstairs bathroom with shower, 2 double bedrooms. Private rear garden. On road parking. Available now.



NEW
HALESOWEN, The Rookery £595 pcm
Set in a lovely cul-de-sac and a highly sought after location. This 2 bedroom house features a modern fitted breakfast kitchen with appliances, great size lounge, double glazing, gas central heating, house bathroom with shower, driveway parking for 2 cars and a large rear garden.



STOURBRIDGE, Wheeler Street £595 pcm
A traditional 3 bedroom mid terraced property in the highly sought after Old Quarter of Stourbridge. Featuring front reception room with open fire and fireplace, rear reception room, fitted kitchen, stairs, downstairs bathroom with shower, 2 large double bedrooms and 1 large single. Lovely rear garden, gas central heating, double glazing. On road parking.



HALESOWEN, Graham Road £595 pcm
A 3 bed traditional semi detached house in a cul-de-sac located in an ideal position for Blackheath Town Centre and access to the M5. This well presented property features a large entrance hall, lounge with bay window, dining kitchen, 2 doubles and 1 single bedrooms, shower room, gas central heating, double glazing, garage and driveway, rear garden.



ROWLEY REGIS, Queens Drive £595 pcm
An unfurnished or part furnished traditional 3 bedroom semi-detached house in a popular location. The house features a lovely entrance hall, front lounge with a bay window, dining room, small kitchen, upstairs bathroom with shower, off road parking for 2 vehicles, rear garden, gas central heating, double glazing. Available now.



HALESOWEN, Wiltshire Drive £595 pcm
Located on the Homer Hill Estate. A well presented semi-detached home briefly featuring 3 bedrooms with fitted wardrobes, spacious lounge, dining room, family bathroom with shower, double glazing, gas central heating, front and rear gardens, unfurnished.



HALESOWEN, Wroxley House £595 pcm
Luxury living in Hayley Green. This superb luxury ground floor apartment offers spacious accommodation including open plan lounge/kitchen and diner with balcony, 2 double bedrooms, master with en-suite, a further well appointed bathroom with shower, gas central heating, double glazing and allocated parking.



CRADLEY HEATH, Halesowen Road £575 pcm
A 3 bed unfurnished mid terraced house on a popular area, with a local bus stop right outside. This large home features 2 good size double bedrooms and 1 large single bedroom, 2 good size reception rooms, fitted kitchen, bathroom with a shower. Benefits include gas central heating, double glazing, rear garden. On road parking.



NEW
HALESOWEN, Whitefriars Drive £550 pcm
An unfurnished mid terraced house in a popular cul-de-sac and close to Halesowen Town Centre, briefly featuring gas central heating, 1 reception room, fitted dining kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens, driveway parking.



HALESOWEN, Hope Street £550 pcm
A fully refurbished ground floor apartment having spacious lounge, refitted kitchen with integrated oven and hob, 3 bedrooms, refitted bathroom and newly fitted carpets. The apartment has a garage and gardens to front and rear, full double glazing and gas central heating.



HALESOWEN, Fairmile Road £525 pcm
Beautifully furnished. Situated in a popular residential area of Halesowen, with easy access to buses to the town. This modern furnished 1st floor apartment comprises 2 double bedrooms, excellent natural light in lounge, modern fitted kitchen, bathroom with shower, gas central heating, double glazing, garage parking, and communal gardens.



HALESOWEN, Howley Grange Road £485 pcm
An unfurnished split level flat on a sought after road. Ideal for Howley Grange Primary School and for Birmingham. This property features a utility room, fitted kitchen, living room, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower. Benefits also include gas central heating, garden.



CRADLEY HEATH, Mill Road £475 pcm
Situated on this very popular Timberline Estate and ideally situated for local schools and transport links. Comprising 1 double and 2 single bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, modern kitchen, house bathroom with shower, tiered rear garden. On road parking. Available now.



BRIERLEY HILL, Little John Street £475 pcm
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CRADLEY HEATH, Elbow Street £440 pcm
A wonderfully furnished 1st floor flat with walking distance to Old Hill shops and train station. This property comprises a light and airy living room, fitted kitchen with white goods, 1 double and 2 single bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, benefits include electric storage heating, communal gardens, allocated parking.



LYE, High Street £425 pcm
Fully refurbished in the centre of Lye. This large and spacious 1st floor apartment has a lovely lounge with a feature bay window, 2 good size bedrooms, new bathroom suite but no shower, modern and contemporary kitchen with oven and hob, electric heating, double glazing, on road parking.



CRADLEY HEATH, Halesowen Road £400 pcm
This value for money unfurnished terraced house, close to Old Hill Town Centre and Old Hill Train Station. Featuring 2 bedrooms with fitted wardrobes, gas central heating, 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen with appliances, downstairs bathroom with shower, on road parking. NO REAR GARDEN.



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Motoring

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Mirage turns out to be a delightful reality

IMAGINE you are trekking across a desert and you've drunk the last of your water. Desperate to slake your thirst there in the distance is a shimmering lifesaver – an oasis.

Freshwater surrounded by palm trees. But get closer and it turns out to be yet another pile of sand, a mirage.

Imagine your car has finally given up the ghost and you need to replace those wheels very quickly. You spot a car on a forecourt called a Mirage and from a distance it looks delightful, tempting you to go closer. As you approach it gets better and better and it doesn't melt away into nothingness.

When you open the door and climb inside the Mirage is exactly the opposite to the meaning of the word, an optical illusion which is unobtainable. For this car from Mitsubishi is certainly no illusion and is certainly attainable with a price tag starting at £8,999.

Well enough of all that flowery talk and let's get down to the meat of this small car, a return to Mitsubishi's roots of producing quality cars in this sector. It's the car that replaced the Colt and is stylish and well equipped. On top of that it produces less than 100 grams of CO2 which means it's zero-rated for Vehicle Excise Duty and if you take it to London there's no congestion charge. And you won't be taking a bank loan to pay for fuel as you get between 65.7 and 68.9mpg across the range, as I discovered. Too often those fuel claims are optimistic for normal use in day-to-day driving but not so here.

The Mirage is powered by a new generation



Compact with a well laid out control panel – the Mirage 3 automatic model

of lightweight small petrol engines with two choices. A very low and frugal 1-litre on the Mirage 1, and the 1.2-litre, 3-cylinder engine that has a stop and go feature as standard, which I tested and thoroughly enjoyed.

The 1-litre will give you 71mpg and the 1.2-litre 80mpg which was ample to get me about. A 5-speed manual transmission is standard and there's a CVT auto on the top specification vehicle. And that CVT is an excellent worker.

The three trim levels of Mirage are designed to appeal to buyers on all manner of budgets and with all kinds of requirements.

The entry-level 1.0-litre version of the car may be the base model but it's still packed with a host of equipment. Included are front electric windows; side air dams; a tyre repair kit; AM/FM radio/CD with two speakers; a glovebox USB terminal and stability and traction control. Next in the range is Mirage 2 which



This new good-looker from Mitsubishi takes over from the ever popular Colt

comes with the 1.2 manual engine. This adds a host of extras, the main one of which is arguably Mitsubishi's clever Auto Stop & Go system. There's a seat height adjuster for the driver; rain-sensing wipers; privacy glass, autolights and bright interior door handles. Other features that are sure to appeal include air conditioning, a pollen filter, electric door mirrors and an outside temperature gauge.

Mirage 3, available with either automatic or

manual transmission, includes everything Mirage 2 has to offer plus front fog lamps, a leather steering wheel and gear knob and a keyless entry system with push-button start. Automatic air-conditioning with a pollen filter enhances the package still further, as do the front fog lamps. Mitsubishi took note of buyers' needs on safety and that worked with it gaining good marks with Euro NCAP giving Mirage a very high 4-star rating.

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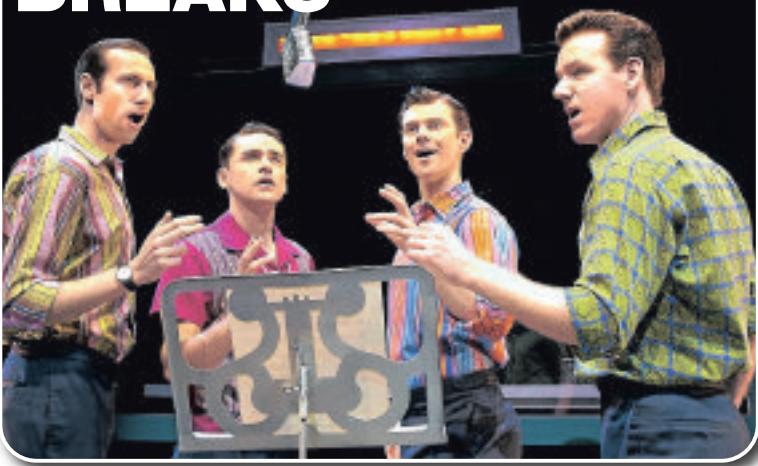
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Jubilant Heathens in final of knockout

King's Lynn 44
Dudley Heathens 46
Dudley win 102-78 on aggregate

JUBILANT Dudley Heathens are through to their second successive Knockout Cup Final after a stunning win at King's Lynn.

Heathens already carried a 22 point lead from the first leg and it was another superb night for the men in Green, Red and White.

After suffering Grand Final heartache in the competition last year, team boss Will Pottenger is relishing the chance to seize glory this time around.

Said Pottenger: "We're absolutely delighted with the result – it was a great team effort with everybody contributing."

"We're looking forward to the final now, and hopefully we can manage to go one step further than last year."

Skipper Ashley Morris top scored, with solid support from fellow heat leaders Paul Starke and Lewis Blackbird. But it was at reserve that the match was won as both Dan Greenwood and Nathan Greaves enjoyed superb evenings.

KING'S LYNN 44: Robert Lambert 15, Lewis Kerr 10+2, Jake Knight 8+2, Darren Mallett 7+1, Shane Hazelden 2+1, Shane Waldron 2, Lewis Rose R/R.

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TV pundit Claridge is star speaker

BBC TV pundit and ex-Wolves player Steve Claridge will be the speaker at a Sportsmans' Evening at Stourbridge FC's War Memorial Athletic Ground on Friday, October 25.

Claridge also has extensive knowledge of the non-league scene, having been player-manager at Weymouth previously and he also helped Gosport Borough to win the first of their back-to-back promotions in 2012.

The Sportsman's Evening at the Glassboys Bar will also feature a comedian.

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Success at the double for polished Varnish



JESS VARNISH claimed her second title of the week, following up her success in the women's 500m time trial with success in the sprint race at the British Cycling National Track Championships, Manchester.

Twenty-two-year-old Varnish qualified fastest and went undefeated on her way to the final before overcoming Great Britain team-mate Victoria Williamson (VC Norwich) by two heats to nil.

Katy Marchant, in her first nationals since switching from heptathlon to cycling, was pushed hard by double junior world champion Dannielle Khan but

Cycling

took bronze in straight heats.

"I'm really happy with the sprint win because it's something I've been working on," said Varnish, who is still on course to replicate Becky James' four titles achieved in 2012's competition.

The Halesowen Cycling Club rider, who has missed most of the season through injury but set a lifetime best in qualifying, will also compete in the team sprint and keirin over the weekend.

Sam Harrison walked away

with the gold medal in the men's scratch, beating Olympic champion Ed Clancy into second, with Steven Burke collecting the bronze.

Olympic champions Laura Trott and Jason Kenny proved their calibre by winning gold on day three.

Trott followed up her success in the women's individual pursuit with glory in the points race, with the 21-year-old, who also won double gold at the World Championships in February in Minsk, finishing ahead of Dani King and Elinor Barker. Kenny, a three-time Olympic gold medallist, held

off the challenge of Matthew Crampton in the men's keirin, with Lewis Oliva coming third.

World keirin champion Kenny (Sky Track Cycling) added the British title to his global crown. "It was nitty gritty on Matt's wheel in third place, I was just happy to hold station knowing Matt (Crampton) was one of the race favourites," said Kenny.

"The national keirin championship is always tight so going to the front quite early on I was a bit of a sitting duck. Lewis went down the inside and pushed me out wide so I had no choice in going to the front."

Lining up for final as Blackbird soars away

Isle of Wight 43 Dudley Heathens 47 (Dudley win 106-74 on aggregate)

DUDLEY secured their place in the National League grand final by beating the Isle of Wight on their own shale.

Carrying a hefty 28-point lead to the second leg at Smallbrook, the in-form Heathens finished the job in style with victory on the night to secure a second successive place in the final, writes Rich Jones.

Lewis Blackbird's superb 13-point haul on his return to the No.1 race jacket headed a fine team performance.

He got his side off to a perfect start by spearheading an opening race 4-2 before taking a vital win in heat 13. He also helped wrap up victory on the night by joining with Paul Starke for a heat 15 4-2, although Blackbird was unable to complete a memorable maximum as he took third place.

Upturn

While Blackbird topped the scorecard with an eye-catching display, youngster Nathan Greaves continued his upturn in form at reserve to bolster the lower order.

The 15-year-old recorded three race wins to be paid for double figures.

After winning his opening race he joined forces with No.2 Dan Greenwood for Heathens' only 5-1 in the ninth race of the evening to all but end any hopes of a miraculous Isle of Wight comeback.

Blackbird and Greaves combined for seven of the visitors' eight race wins while Starke and Ashley Morris both put in composed performances.

Greewood battled hard for little reward as he moved back to the main body, suffering a fall while on a 5-1 with Blackbird in his final ride on the fast, swooping Smallbrook circuit.

Wight were led by former Heathens favourite Tom Perry and Steve Worrall, but lost ex-Dudley man Darryl Ritchens due to an ankle injury in his opening ride.

King's Lynn were due to host Mildenhall on Wednesday in the other semi-final looking to overcome an eight-point deficit.

Isle of Wight: Tom Perry 15+1, Steve Worrall 13, Danny Stoneman 9+1, Chris Widman 3+1, Brendan Johnson 3+1, Darryl Ritchens 0.

Dudley: Lewis Blackbird 13, Paul Starke 10, Nathan Greaves 9+2, Ashley Morris 8, Dan Greenwood 4, Gareth Isherwood 2+2, Max Clegg 1+1.

Players are bowled over by new-look uniform



Members of the BCBC in their new-look club T-shirts. The club is also looking for new recruits

BOWLERS will be kitted in new colours when their season gets under way next year.

The Black Country Bowls Club is the largest flat green bowls club in the Dudley borough with more than 60 members.

The club has ditched its traditional white shirts and club ties in favour

new T-shirts in club colours. The outdoor season has drawn to a close, with the new season set to start in April.

New members are welcome to join the club, which plays on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, as well as three evenings a week on the flat green behind Wollescote Hall, in

Wollescote Park, Pedmore.

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Four in a row as trophy is retained

SWIMMERS from Halesowen Swimming club travelled to Braunstone for the annual trophy gala.

The club were defending and hoping to make it four victories in a row. At the halfway mark Halesowen A found themselves in second place by just to points. With 10 events to go they nudged into front and following a string of strong performances ran out winners by seven points.

Double event winners were Kate Morrice, freestyle and butterfly, Jakob Baker for the breaststroke and butterfly and Josh Bradley for the individual medley and breaststroke.

Individual winners were Sam Bradley-Wood in the backstroke, Chloe Finch, Lauren Hill, Mark Laing and Luke Morris in the butterfly, Ryne Hanke in the breaststroke and Zach Collins and Jack Simpson in the freestyle. The relay teams were strong with the girls age 11 and under team winning both freestyle and medley events.

Also unbeatable were the age 13 and under girls and boys teams and the open mens team.

Final point scores were Halesowen 245, Braunstone A 238, Melton Mowbray 175, Market Harborough 144, Colville 121, Braunstone B 119.

George get bowls glory

Mitchell Cup Final
The George 230

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LAST Sunday The George first team took on Premier Division One rivals Kings Heath Park in the final of the Mitchell Cup.

The away leg at Kings Heath was a close affair with The George just coming out on top by 104 shots to 100.

Mark Wilson (21-8), Jamie Dunn (21-12) and Stewart Meddings (21-17) were the winners for The George.

The George dominated the home leg winning by 126 shots to 75.

Paul Greene (21-6), Steve Darling (21-11), Paddy McGuinness (21-12), Elliot McGuinness (21-13), Phil Clinton (21-14) and Mick McGuinness (21-19) all won by a total margin of 55 shots.

Today Sunday The George take on Shropshire side Newport in the final of the prestigious Free Press Cup at Woodfield Bowling Club, Wolverhampton (2pm).

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Defeat is the end to 10 out of 10 runs

Black Country 2 Dudley Sports 3

SPORTS' victory brought Black Country's perfect 10 out of 10 spree to an end.

BC started at a pace and Sports did well to keep in the game. As the game progressed Sports started to find their feet and put pressure on the BC goal and it was no surprise when Liam Morris headed home from a Dan Evans' cross.

Evans had a great chance to make it two shortly after but shot straight at the keeper. BC drew level when Richard Oakley scored from close range.

BC went in front at half time with a Leigh Pardoe finish after Sports' keeper had saved Aggar's original shot.

In the second half Sports were dogged in their defending. And when that was breached they found Dom Richards in the Sports' goal in fine form.

Sports missed a penalty on 80 minutes when Ashley Parsons-Smith shot straight at the keeper.

Not to be outdone Sports drew level when Dan Evans volleyed in a cross from Mantom. BC pressed but could not break through a stubborn sports rear guard.

Sports claimed all three points in the last minute when Jay Broomhall's 30 yard cross shot went into the top corner.

Wolves dig in on Sako deal

WOLVES are refusing to budge in their bottom-line demand for Bakary Sako under fresh pressure from Nottingham Forest.

Forest, who failed in a last-ditch bid to sign the French winger on transfer deadline day, are now trying to push through a deal which would see them take the Wolves star on loan and then complete a permanent deal when the January transfer window opens.

Wolves are mindful of Sako's ambitions to play in the Premier League and accept the commercial reality of their position in the proposed deal – but are sticking by their £3.5m valuation of the player.

The club have yet to receive an offer from Forest to satisfy those demands and there remain serious doubts at Molineux that the transfer will be completed.

A guarded Jez Moxey said: "The situation hasn't changed."

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Delight as Clegg joins Heathens

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Jubilant Whiley regains British No 1 ranking

HALESOWEN'S Jordanne Whiley has reached a new career high women's singles world ranking and regained the British No.1 ranking after finishing runner-up in both the women's singles and women's doubles at the Sardinia Open at the weekend.

Whiley is now looking forward to making her debut in the NEC Wheelchair Tennis Masters, the year-end championship for the world's leading players, in November.

Whiley was second seed in Alghero, where she reached the women's singles semi-finals with ease, but she had a much tougher task in her last four match, eventually beating her Dutch doubles partner Sharon Wal-

Wheelchair tennis

raven 5-7, 6-4, 6-3. Whiley put up another good effort in the final, but found German top seed and world No. 2 Sabine Ellerbrock just that bit better on the day as Ellerbrock claimed her third successive Sardinia Open title 6-3, 6-4.

Nevertheless, Whiley has moved up one place to a new career high of No. 7 this week, pushing previous British No. 1 Lucy Shuker down one place as she goes above Shuker for the first time since February 2012.

Ellerbrock was again on the opposite side

of the net as the women's doubles title eluded Whiley and Walraven, who opened their challenge with a 6-0, 6-0 win and then defeated 2012 runners-up Gabriela Buehler and Karin Suter-Erath of Switzerland 6-1, 6-3. Ellerbrock and Italy's Marrianna Lauro had the edge in the final, to win their second title in three tournaments 6-3, 7-6(4).

"Sabine played really well in the final it came down to me hitting a few too many short balls that she was able to put away, so I'll know to look out for that next time, but I'm so happy with my new ranking and to come British No 1 again," said Whiley, who already had one win over the German

former world No. 1 under her belt, having beaten Ellerbrock in the semi-finals of the Atlanta Open earlier this year.

Whiley's win over world No. 9 Walraven in the semi-finals in Sardinia and her move one place ahead of former British No. 1 Lucy Shuker reinforces her place among the world's top eight women's singles players, which earned her qualification for her debut at the NEC Wheelchair Tennis Masters in California in early November.

Whiley will also contest the Doubles Masters in California, partnering Japan's Yui Kamiji, with whom Whiley reached the women's doubles final at Wimbledon.

Thomas gets spot in the final

KRISTIAN THOMAS insists he has put his injury nightmare behind him after landing a vault final spot at the Gymnastics World Championships.

The Wolverhampton Olympian reached this weekend's final in Antwerp after finishing fourth in the qualifiers. A fractured leg forced him out of the European Championships in April but he recovered to make the British squad in time to compete in Belgium.

He missed the cut for the high bars final finishing 10th when anywhere in the top eight would have netted him a spot. But after clinching his final place with a score of 14.933, following vaults of 15.233 and 14.633, the Olympic bronze medalist is out to cap a difficult year with a medal.

Thomas said: "I'm delighted to make the vault final after having a difficult year with injury. I will be doing the same vaults and just hope to stick the landing more cleanly, then who knows."

Thomas' team-mates, Max Whitlock and Dan Purvis also clinched final sports but European pommel champion Dan Keatings missed out.

Great Scott wins gold once more

HALESOWEN para-cycling star Helen Scott claimed a second win in as many days at the British National Track Championships.

Sighted pilot Scott, who won a silver and bronze in last year's Paralympics, won the 200m tandem flying time trial with Sophie Thornhill in Manchester.

It added to their 100m

time trial win the day before.

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GOAL-SPREE YELTZ INTO NEXT ROUND

FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round
Halesowen Town 5 Tipton Town 0

HALESOWEN stormed into the third qualifying round of the FA Cup with a convincing 5-0 victory in front of a bumper crowd.

There was also plenty of local pride at stake with Halesowen manager John Hill facing his former club and several of his players having links to Tipton manager Ian Rowe.

The energetic Yeltz blitzed the Midland Alliance visitors from the start. A ninth-minute drive from Tom Tonks rebounded off the inside of post.

Iyedeen Christie had three attempts on goal but Halesowen gained a 21st minute lead when Tipton captain Chris Waterhouse headed into his own net under pressure from a long Tonks throw-in.

Bursting

Neil MacKenzie doubled the home lead after 34 minutes by bursting forward to drill home from 15 yards. Tipton were restricted to just a few half chances with Mensah Kinch providing the main danger.

Halesowen's leading striker Ben Haseley then turned the screw on Tipton with a superb second-half hat-trick. Haseley made it 3-0 by tapping into an empty net after leaving goalkeeper Matthew Martin stranded out of his area from a 52nd minute long ball. Hard-working Chris Lait then saw his

bursting



Haley Chatwin goes for goal as the Yeltz Ladies racked up a baker's dozen against Woodstar

Woodstar 0 Halesowen Ladies 13

HALESOWEN, with a week's break, travelled to Walsall Wood to take on Woodstar who had just revamped their squad.

A tough game was anticipated but the Yeltz crew raised their game and put in a terrific performance.

In the first 15 minutes there were no goals and it could have gone either way. However striker Sian Whithall scored four goals in less than half an hour with some neat finishing and outstanding team play.

Captain Lyndsey Glover scored twice before half time to complete the 30 minutes of devastation of Woodstar.

Halesowen were 6-0 at half time and looking comfortable but the manager requested more of the same.

Haley Chatwin scored in the first minute of the second half with neat work from Rachel Letford.

Midfield Sarah Hammily scored her first Yeltz goal with a neat finish and Sabrina Dale set up Letford who got a second half hat-trick. Skipper Glover finished the rout with a well-

taken penalty late on. Manager Scott McKee said: "To describe every goal we saw that far to long but simply to say the team performance was outstanding."

"I now expect this for every game. I must also state how strong the defence were as the score doesn't reflect how good Woodstar are."

"Stand-in keeper Lauren Gilberto was always there if required. A very good performance from the Yeltz squad."

Halesowen face Walsall development next week.

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